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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/6/63

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (92-1181)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR  
OO: MILWAUKEE

A check was made [redacted] possibly significant to the investigation of the murder of ANTHONY J. BERNAT on January 7, 1963. During the course of checking [redacted] it was learned that [redacted] set out below under each office.

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It is requested that [redacted] be determined and indices of the field office checked. In the event any significant hoodlum type information or information possibly significant to the murder of BERNAT is obtained from this source, [redacted]

[redacted] should be checked. Otherwise, simply furnish the office of origin with the [redacted] Furnish replies in three copies.

- 4 - Chicago (92-1181)
- 3 - Cleveland
- 2 - Detroit (92-974)
- 2 - Indianapolis (92-603)
- ② - Kansas City (92-326)
- 2 - Little Rock
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*Swenson*  
(Lead. RoHR)

[redacted] *[Signature]*

URGENT 6/17/63 T- 5-48PM CJF

TO SAC, KANSAS CITY

FROM SAS, MILWAUKEE /162-49/

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO. MILWAUKEE.

A NINETEEN SIXTY - THREE CHEVROLET SEDAN BEARING MISSOURI  
LICENSE B C TWO FIVE EIGHT TWO, REGISTRED TO JOE S. AMADOR,  
FOUR ONE ZERO NINE BLUE RIDGE, KANSAS CITY, MO., HAS BEEN  
OBSERVED IN MILWAUKEE, WIS. FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS WITH THE  
OCCUPANT IN CONTACT WITH FRANK BALISTRIERI, BOSS OF THE OUTFIT  
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

SUTEL INFO ON AMADOR AND CURRENT LOCATION OF JOE GURERA,  
KC FILE NINE TWO DASH THREE TWO SIX. ALSO ASCERTAIN IF  
LOCATION OF JOE GURRA KNOWN ON JUNE SIX AND JUNE SEVEN LAST.

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*Spot check J. Gurera  
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TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (162-236)

WILLIAM COVELLI, AKA, IGA. OO MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST.

JOE SOLOMON AMADOR, [REDACTED] RESIDES FOUR ONE ZERO NINE  
BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. EMPLOYED STATIONARY  
ENGINEER, SOUTHWEST BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY. INDICES NEGATIVE.  
CREDIT SATISFACTORY. ONLY ARREST RECORD IS TRAFFIC VIOLATION.  
CI-S UNABLE FURNISH SIGNIFICANCE OF AMADOR-S VISIT TO MILWAUKEE,  
IF ANY. SPOT CHECK MADE ON RESIDENCE OF JOE GURERA, JUNE SEVEN  
LAST, REFLECTED NOTHING UNUSUAL, HOWEVER, GURERA NOT SEEN ON  
THAT DATE. CI-S HAVE NO INFO CONCERNING GURERA-S ACTIVITIES  
PERTINENT DATES.

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (162-236)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49) - P -  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM COVELLI, aka  
IGA  
OO: Milwaukee

Re Kansas City teletype 6/19/63.

During the time JOSEPH FRANK GURERA lived in Milwaukee, he and STEVE DE SALVO asked a private investigator whether he could tap a telephone for them. They used fictitious names during this contact. Investigator said he could do the job but GURERA and DE SALVO failed to recontact him to give him a special assignment. [redacted] has also stated that DE SALVO had wire-tapping equipment.

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A reliable PCI has advised that a man presumed to be JOE SOLOMON AMADOR was recently seen in the company of snydicate leaders in Milwaukee. This man is described as follows: Age 50, 5'5", heavy paunchy build, dark hair - bald on top, bulging eyes, Italian looking.

LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Will contact security officer or other logical administrative personnel of the Southwest Bell Telephone Company to determine (a) whether AMADOR has been on leave and (b) whether he has knowledge required for wire tapping.

2 - Kansas City (AM)  
3 - Milwaukee (162-49)  
(1 - 92-257) (1 - 94-316)

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2. When AMADOR returns to Kansas City, will interview him concerning the purpose of his trip to Milwaukee.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (162-49)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (162-236)

WILLIAM COVELLI, aka.  
IGA

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee airtel dated 6/20/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
ROY L. TUSSEY on 6/26/63:

On June 26, 1963, [redacted] Assistant Special Agent,  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Room 1829, 324 East 11th,  
was contacted.

[redacted] furnished the following information concerning JOSE  
S. AMADOR, who is currently a telephone company employee:

Born	5/19/09, Nicaragua, Central Amer.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'7 1/2"
Weight	164
Wife	[redacted] (born in USA)

- 4 - Milwaukee (2 - 162-49)  
(1 - 92-257)  
(1 - 94-316)  
3 - Kansas City (2 - 162-236)  
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Current residence	4109 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, Missouri
Present position	Elevator and air conditioning repairman, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Citizenship	U. S. citizen by naturalization (Naturalization certificate #5609549, at Galveston, Tex.)

ANADOR's personnel file reflects the following additional information:

ANADOR formerly resided at 2505 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, and was formerly employed by the Kansas City Macaroni Company and the Kansas City Medical Depot and was a Private in the U. S. Army from July 27, 1942, to September 15, 1943. He has an 8th grade education. His salary with the telephone company at present is \$133 per week. He was originally hired by the telephone company as a janitor on July 14, 1947. He was promoted to the position of stationary engineer on March 13, 1955. On June 1, 1958, he was promoted to his present position.

[ ] advised he is personally acquainted with ANADOR and furnished the following description:

Short, heavy set (obese), black hair, bald spot on top of head, dark complexion, appears to be of Italian extraction

[ ] volunteered that in ANADOR's present position with the telephone company, it is doubtful that ANADOR would have ability to tap telephones or install special electronic equipment.

[ ] pointed out that ANADOR, through his long association with the telephone company, could possibly have picked up the ability to wire-tap if he had wanted to because the telephone company likes for its employees to be interested in other phases of telephone work besides their own jobs.

[ ] advised that ANADOR was on sick leave from the telephone company from April 29, 1963, to May 20, 1963, because he was operated on for hemorrhoids. ANADOR is presently on vacation; he initially departed on June 9, 1963, and is due back to work on July 1, 1963. The record does not reflect where ANADOR went on vacation.

KC 962-236

For the information of the Milwaukee Division, it is to be noted that on 2/12/63, a reporter from the Kansas City Star who was inquiring about the wedding of [redacted] and the

[redacted], mentioned that JOSEPH GUERRA's [redacted] (ph), and is a [redacted] of [redacted]. It is to be noted that records of the [redacted]

*AMADOR*  
Kansas City will contact ~~CORRALI~~ and interview him subsequent to July 1, 1963.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-326)

DATE: 7/3/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR

Agent has noted that construction work is progressing at the rear of the automatic laundry owned by subject at Metropolitan and Broadway Streets, Leavenworth, Kans. and that subject is occasionally observed at the automatic laundry.

On 5/17/63, [REDACTED] Leavenworth PD advised IC [REDACTED] that building permit 4596 had been issued for the erection of a masonry building at 1203 North Broadway estimated to be at a cost of \$6,000.00 in the name of JOE GURERA. This is undoubtedly the building that GURERA mentioned in the previous interview to Agent when he advised that he was going to establish a pizzeria at the rear of his automatic laundry.

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

7/30/63

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) RUC

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR

OO: Milwaukee

Re Milwaukee letter to Chicago 6/6/63 and Kansas  
City letter to Milwaukee 5/27/63.

In reference to Kansas City letter 5/27/63, SA [ ]  
[ ] has observed that construction work is progressing  
at the rear of the automatic laundry owned by subject located  
at the corner of Metropolitan and Broadway Streets, Leavenworth,  
Kansas.

On 5/17/63, [ ] Leavenworth PD  
advised IC [ ] that building permit 4596 had been  
issued for the erection of a masonry building at 1203 North  
Broadway estimated to be at a cost of \$6,000.00 in the name of  
JOE GURERA. This is undoubtedly the building that GURERA  
mentioned in the previous interview to agent when he advised  
that he was going to establish a pizzeria at the rear of his  
automatic laundry.

On 7/10/63 subject was observed in this location by  
SAs [ ] and GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

Enclosed for the benefit of the Milwaukee Division  
are ten copies FD-302 6/28/63 by IC [ ] reflecting  
investigation at the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Kansas  
City, Mo.

Reference is made to Kansas City letter to Milwaukee  
dated 7/3/63 in case entitled 'WILLIAM COVELLI, aka, IGA', Milwaukee  
file 162-149, Kansas City file 162-236. This letter enclosed  
FD-302's reflecting interviews with JOE SOLOMON AMADOR and [ ]

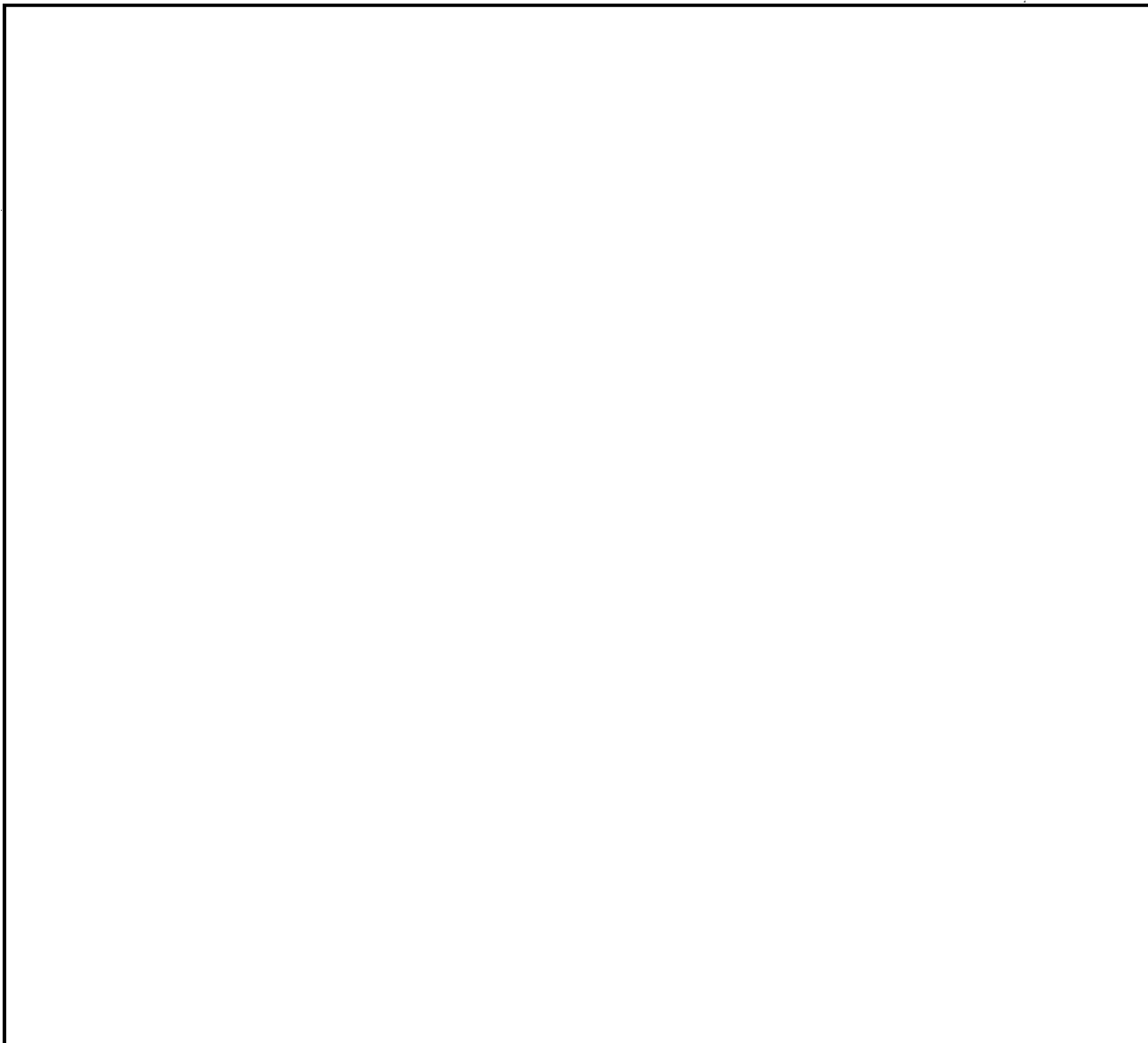
[ ] These FD-302's set forth identity and residence  
of [ ] It is noted [ ]

2-Milwaukee (Enc. 10)  
1-Kansas City

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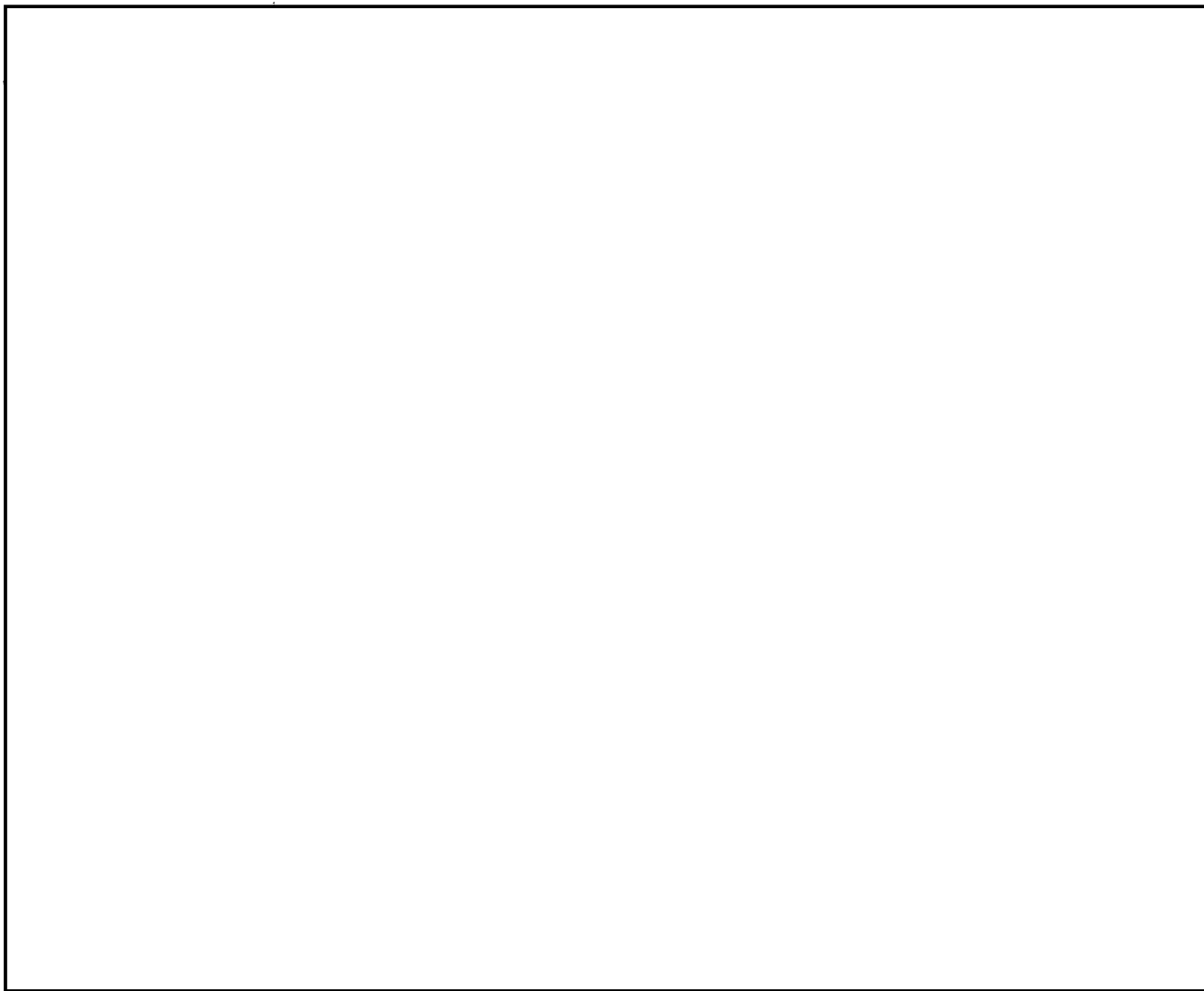
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**Indices are negative concerning**



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GURERA KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS. CONSIDER ARMED  
AND DANGEROUS.



## RECORD OF INFORMATION FURNISHED OTHER AGENCIES

Orally 8-9-63 By Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Written Communication \_\_\_\_\_  
date date date

Information concerning:

JOE GURERA 92-326

Information furnished from File, Serial, and Page Number:

File Review

Information furnished was obtained:

☒ during course of Bureau investigation☒ from informants☐ from complainants or other sources

Information furnished to:

IRS

Remarks:

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*George F. Lumbergh*  
Special Agent

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 8-8-63

FROM : SA ROBERT J. DENEEN

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
PCI

Date of Contact: 7-31-63, by Special Agents ROBERT J. DENEEN and SHEA W. AIREY.

Titles &amp; Files On Which Contacted:

(See below)

Purpose &amp; Results of Contact:

Positive. (See attached)

Rating: Very Good

Coverage: Same

1 - [REDACTED]  
92-109 (Control File)  
92-112 [REDACTED]  
92-113 (J. Filardo)  
92-114 [REDACTED]  
92-115 (Carl Civella)  
92-116 (Nick Civella)  
92-117 (Alex Presta)  
92-123 [REDACTED]  
92-180 [REDACTED]  
92-254 [REDACTED]  
92-255 [REDACTED]  
92-257 [REDACTED]  
92-258 [REDACTED]  
92-261 [REDACTED]  
92-267 [REDACTED]  
92-271 [REDACTED]  
92-293 [REDACTED]  
92-318 [REDACTED]  
92-326 (J. Gurera)  
92-515 [REDACTED]  
92-532 [REDACTED]

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92-554  
92-617  
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"Information herein obtained confidentially; informant's name is not to be disclosed in report or otherwise, unless it has been decided definitely that he is to be a witness in a trial or hearing."

[redacted]

PCI advised that he was willing to furnish information to the FBI but no one trusts anyone in the "north-end" now and it is difficult to pick up any information. He said word is out that "you guys" are talking to everyone and offering good money. The belief is that three or four might have taken the dough. In the old days, if there was a "score", PCI stated he probably would hear about it, but now the only talking done is between the boys who were actually on the job. Everyone thinks that everyone else might be an informant for the FBI. PCI stated that whenever something is discussed now, it is done out on the sidewalk or in a car. There is seldom anything discussed in a room as they believe everything is "bugged".

PCI stated that the FBI has everyone hurting for money. The old-time well-to-do Jewish merchants, who used to do the heavy betting, are now afraid to bet and it is hurting the bookies. There is no money around. PCI said that as for himself, he [redacted]

[redacted]

To further explain his frugal ways, PCI stated that he [redacted]

[redacted]

PCI believes JOE FILARDO and [redacted] still have a great deal of power. This is evident at weddings and funerals, where everyone "comes up to them and bows down".

[redacted]

When they come into a room, everyone stands up. He stated that at one time, [redacted] had this type of power but he lost it with BINAGGIO'S death and he is now "just another guy".

PCI advised that most employees at the Brandmeyer Meat Company are "square Johns". He said CORKY CIVELLA now has [redacted] working there answering the phone and doing bookkeeping work. [redacted] also work there. Other than these four, the employees are "squares".

PCI stated that [redacted] attended [redacted] getting a [redacted] with [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] is living with his father until his house is finished. [redacted] works at the [redacted] but will quit in the fall to go back to school.

PCI advised that JOE GURERA has been in the House of Tacos a few times. He has returned to Kansas City from Milwaukee and is now running a laundry and a pizzeria house in Leavenworth, Kansas. He had no idea why GURERA went to Milwaukee but believes he returned from there because of the "heat" that was on because of the killing in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He advised that [redacted] is very hard up for money and is driving an old blue Chrysler belonging to [redacted]. [redacted] wife has gone to work at [redacted].

He stated [redacted] in the [redacted] Company. He believed [redacted] are still associated with [redacted] in the company. [redacted]

PCI said they are [redacted]

[redacted] etc., and selling them off. [redacted] has an extravagant wife and a big home. PCI estimated that [redacted] needs at least \$500 to \$600 a month to live on and he does not know how he is making it. He described [redacted] as not having "guts enough to boost" and is certainly no "heist" man. PCI said [redacted] has two friends in [redacted] One

[redacted]  
[redacted] is [redacted] (phonetic), who has a tavern, and the other is [redacted] (phonetic), an older man.

PCI informed that the [redacted] are cousins [redacted] and [redacted] runs with [redacted] [redacted] lives in an apartment facing the street, alongside the [redacted] [redacted] and near the Pancake Patio. [redacted] lives about six blocks away, address unknown.

He said MAX JABEN is occasionally in this neighborhood and still gets his hair cut by the old man named DE GRADO, who has a shop in a back room of his house about two doors west of the 5th Street Drug Store.

PCI stated that the girl who does [redacted] wife's hair goes with [redacted] She has a couple of children.

He described [redacted] as a "booster" and [redacted] He recently got six months for receiving stolen property. PCI is [redacted]

PCI has not seen [redacted] around since just before the [redacted] He stated his failure to give himself up is hard to understand as it makes him look guilty.

PCI did not [redacted] [redacted] but when questioned regarding his operations, he stated that [redacted] makes such loans at a fair rate of interest. He makes his loans by check so that his records will be in order for IRS.

PCI recognized photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] He said he has seen [redacted] in the House of Tacos during the past year but has not seen him during the last couple of months. He knows both have the reputation of being "bookies".

PCI said [redacted] formerly [redacted] for (FNU) [redacted] at the Cheers Tavern but [redacted] has not [redacted] for a year or two.

## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
CI

DATE: 8-12-63

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Informant was contacted by the writer on the dates indicated and on those occasions where information was deemed pertinent, it was disseminated to Agents handling the substantive case files, either orally or by routing slips.

7-23-63:

CI was contacted with regard to the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office and advised with regard to cars owned by various criminal figures, [REDACTED] has been driving a 1963 white Buick Riviera, which belongs to an individual living in [REDACTED] and has been previously described by informant.

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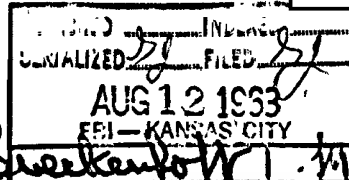
[REDACTED] has a 1960 white Ford convertible; [REDACTED] has a 1958 blue Oldsmobile convertible "98"; and [REDACTED] in the past has driven an old model brownish-green Plymouth.

[REDACTED] has returned from his trip and was with [REDACTED] on the previous day. CI stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were all [REDACTED] the previous day.

1 - [REDACTED]  
92-109  
87-15820 (K.C. Star Credit Union)  
92-180 [REDACTED]  
92-243 (Carl DeLuna)  
92-244 [REDACTED]  
92-246 [REDACTED]  
92-252 [REDACTED]  
92-254 [REDACTED]  
92-257 [REDACTED]  
92-261 [REDACTED]  
92-262 (Anthony Civella)  
92-293 [REDACTED]  
92-318 [REDACTED]  
92-326 (Joe Gurera)  
92-521 [REDACTED]

1 - 92-522  
92-523  
92-532  
92-559  
92-590  
92-663  
92-696 (B. Balestrere)  
92-722  
92-871  
92-1031  
92-1051  
92-1077  
92-1157  
92-1179  
92- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

7-24-63:

CI stated that in relation to the robbery of the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] have all been seen associating with [REDACTED] during the past weeks and could be logical suspects. (Disseminated to KCMOPD )

CI said [REDACTED] has not been seen by CI during the past week.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were associating together at the House of Tacos on the previous evening.

7-26-63:

CI stated that [REDACTED] has been [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] or the [REDACTED] during the past few days. He said in relation to the sale of the [REDACTED] it is CI's understanding that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

CI said that the barbecue place being opened [REDACTED] next to the House of Tacos is virtually finished.

CI stated he has seen BUSTER BALESTRERE in Kansas City on two occasions. BALESTRERE has visited the House of Tacos and was accompanied by an unidentified individual on one occasion.

ANTHONY CIVELLA and [REDACTED] were in the Pancake Patio on the previous day.

CI stated that [REDACTED] resides in a residence formerly [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can always be located at the [REDACTED] at about [REDACTED] owns the residence immediately adjacent to that of [REDACTED] (This information requested by [REDACTED] of INS and it was disseminated to him)

[redacted]

With regard to the whereabouts of [redacted]  
CI stated that [redacted] family owns a home on [redacted]  
just south of [redacted] which is on the east side of  
the street facing west. A new home has been built [redacted]  
[redacted] (This information disseminated  
to the KCMOPD)

CI has not seen [redacted] since [redacted]  
[redacted] and has no  
knowledge as to his whereabouts.

7-29-63:

CI stated that on the previous Saturday night,  
[redacted]  
held an extended conference in the House of Tacos.

CI advised that on this date he had seen [redacted]  
[redacted] at [redacted]  
located at [redacted] at which time [redacted] was driving  
a red 1962 Falcon station wagon. (Disseminated to KCMOPD)

CI said in relation to the new barbecue being  
opened [redacted] next to the House of Tacos, there  
is [redacted]  
[redacted]

On the prior Sunday, gamblers were again operating  
at the location at 5th & Troost Avenue in the drug store  
building and virtually every known gambler in the Kansas  
City area visited this location on that date.

7-30-63:

CI stated that [redacted] and [redacted]  
were picked up by the police the previous day and taken to  
the PD where they were booked for investigation and ques-  
tioned concerning the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit  
Union office. [redacted] attorney secured his release, with  
[redacted] securing [redacted] release. CI said he  
could not understand why [redacted] was picked up and  
he has no knowledge regarding this matter. (See separate  
memo regarding interview of [redacted])



[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] were at the House of Tacos and [redacted] had been there previously.

CI said in relation to [redacted] a former girlfriend of [redacted] the only information CI has is that [redacted] formerly worked at the [redacted] and is a white female, 5'8", with [redacted] CI has not seen this girl in recent weeks and has no knowledge as to where she lives.

7-31-63:

[redacted] were at the House of Tacos the previous evening.

CI advised that an unusual situation occurred involving [redacted] at the [redacted] [redacted] sat by himself at a table virtually the entire evening, and looked depressed and worried. CI did not know what was wrong but [redacted] did not speak to any other person. (SA TUSSEY advises he conducted a close surveillance of [redacted] on this date)

In relation to [redacted] and the operation of the [redacted], [redacted] the owner, get along very well. [redacted] hate each other and do not get along at all. CI said in relation to the [redacted] these individuals are selling almost everything they take [redacted] and there is a serious question whether they have enough to complete [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] is a brother of [redacted] and operates a [redacted] located next to a filling station. He had heard that [redacted] may go to Milwaukee but he subsequently ascertained that the "heat" is on in Milwaukee and for this reason, JOE GURERA left that city. GURERA was to help [redacted] at that location.

8-5-63:

CI advised that [redacted] is still acting peculiarly and has not shaved in more than a week. He is spending much more time at the [redacted] than he did prior to his strange behavior.

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] and [redacted] were all at the House of Tacos conferring about the [redacted]

CI observed [redacted] and TUFFY DE LUNA, together with [redacted] at the Pancake Patio on the previous evening. All of them were accompanied by [redacted]

CI said that although members of the criminal element were saying [redacted] had taken a bum rap when he was arrested by the PD for the robbery of the Kansas City Star Credit Union office, the word now is that [redacted] is "right for the rap". CI said [redacted] and [redacted] very likely were involved in this robbery but he has no personal independent information which could lead to their convictions.

CI stated that [redacted]

[redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 8-19-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
AR

For information to this file the above subject is seen every few days at the Wash-N-Dry automatic laundry 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas.

GURERA was interviewed on 7-25-63 at 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas when it was observed that construction work was going on ~~xxxxxx~~ to erect a brick structure joining the automatic laundry building on the south.

GURERA advised that he [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been spending considerable time in Leavenworth getting their automatic laundry back into desirable working order and are constructing the additional building to the south where they will operate a Pizza establishment. He pointed out that there will be an outside patio where food will be served during ideal weather and thereafter service will be inside. It was noted that a new sign had been put up over the new construction indicating the Pizza establishment will be operated under the name NINO's.

GURERA advised that [REDACTED] will do the cooking for the new Pizza establishment which would indicate that they will be spending considerable time in Leavenworth. He also advised that he had suggested to [REDACTED] that they also purchase the ground directly across the street to the east which is a corner lot on which a old garage and service station building is location and which was the former site of the Broadway Motors. He stated this is a ideal location for either a parking area and they had considered erecting a service station on this corner. GURERA advised that he expects the Pizza establishment to do a good business as there is no other Pizza place in Leavenworth and they are ideally located where they will get the trade from Fort Leavenworth located across the street to the north. 1201 Broadway is at the junction of Broadway and Metropolitan one block west of the main gate of Fort Leavenworth which is at Metropolitan and 7th Street.

GURERA was also interviewed 8-1-63 in connection with the investigation as to [REDACTED] regarding his Application for Pardon after completion of Sentence. GURERA was a former employer.

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SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CI telephonically advised 1-2-59 that he had observed the following the previous night at the Brown Derby:

[REDACTED]  
JOE CARROLLA

[REDACTED]

Latter on the same evening at the Pizzeria, he had observed ANTHONY CIVELLA, JASPER MIRABLES, [REDACTED] and JOE CARROLLA.

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TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 7/29/60

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CI via telephone 1:10 PM, 7/21/60, calling from [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] at the time of this call so apparently has been released from prison.

He advised the following were observed at places indicated during the night of 7/20/60:

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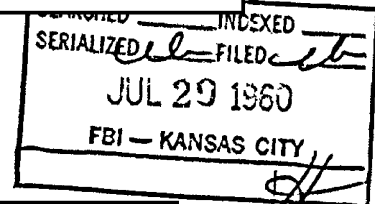
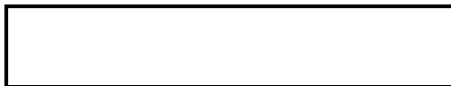


JOE GURERA

## Chez Joie

[REDACTED] car was observed here and as CI was assigned to determine [REDACTED] home address he did not [REDACTED]

## Pancake Patio



1 [REDACTED]	1 92-517
1 92-109	1 92-527
1 92-114 [REDACTED]	1 92-532
1 92-124 (FELIX FERINA)	1 92-535
1 92-253 [REDACTED]	1 92-546
1 92-261 [REDACTED]	1 92-553
1 92-290 [REDACTED]	1 92-554
1 92-293 [REDACTED]	1 92-555
① 92-302 (JOE GURERA)	1 92-559
1 92-515 [REDACTED]	1 92-564

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] girl friend from the [redacted]  
was also there.

[redacted] came  
to this location and CI departed at [redacted]

While at the Pancake Patio, CI overheard the conversation between [redacted] regarding the recent grand juries. He also learned that FELIX FERINA had called [redacted] as he had [redacted] apparently building up his friendships because of worries over his being indicted by the Grand Jury for [redacted]  
[redacted]

CI reported that he overheard part of one comment between [redacted] and his girl friend [redacted] and they were talking about a [redacted]

It is noted that in a recent news article it was mentioned that [redacted] might be given the opportunity to [redacted] and if he [redacted] them a [redacted] would be taken of this information which would be good in court in the event [redacted] was killed before the trial.

CI advised that at [redacted] he left the Pancake Patio and on noting that [redacted] car had left the Chez Joie, he immediately made a call to [redacted] which had been given him as a possible number for [redacted] There was no answer. He then [redacted]  
[redacted]

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8-19-63

SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] aka

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Re KC airtel to Bureau 7-29-63 with lead at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted at Leavenworth, Kansas, by SA [REDACTED]

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, was interviewed at 1201 Broadway where he owns the Wash-N-Dry automatic laundry and where he is constructing a Pizza establishment to be known as Nino's to be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GURERA advised that his records of the Midwest Paving Company are not readily available from which he could determine the exact employment dates of [REDACTED] but he distinctly recalls this employee and the period he worked. He advised that the work at this company is seasonal and that the employment of [REDACTED] was from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He stated that [REDACTED] worked as a asphalt maker and as a truck driver. He explained that [REDACTED] had previously worked for [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] where he had received a back injury and was unable to do heavy work. He stated [REDACTED] highly recommended [REDACTED] to him he found him to be a reliable employee in every respect.

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GURERA advised [ ] left the employment at the Midwest Paving Company for other employment because of it being seasonal. He stated he does not recall the dates of other employments but he knew [ ] had also worked as a huskster and was later employed at the [ ] where he was regarded as a desirable employee.

GURERA advised he was not acquainted with [ ] other than through this employment and was not acquainted with his associates. He also stated he was not acquainted with [ ] family although he knows of them and knows nothing derogatory regarding their character and reputation. He stated he was aware that [ ] had been involved in some violation of the law previous to his employment by the Midwest Paving Company but did not know the details of this offense and to his knowledge [ ] has not been involved in any criminal activities since he had employed him, and is leading a respectable life.



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# Memorandum

TO : SAC 92-326

DATE: 9-6-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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SA ANTHONY E. SCHIAPPA and Agent [REDACTED] at Leavenworth, Kansas  
Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway this date. [REDACTED] advised  
they opened this establishment on 9-2-63. It is to be operated  
by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will assist in the cooking when it is  
possible for them to be in Leavenworth. [REDACTED]  
during the conversation with her mentioned that her husband is  
the younger brother of [REDACTED] (92-111)

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SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

**CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
KANSAS CITY DIVISION**

Re Bureau airtel 8/26/63, entitled "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM".

The above airtel instructed that investigation concerning La Cosa Nostra be implemented and that cases and investigation should be opened on all members of this organization.

All known members of La Cosa Nostra in the Kansas City area are NICHOLAS CIVELLA, JOE GUERRA, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

It is to be noted, however, that information received from the St. Louis office, mention was made of CARL CIVELLA, however, not specifically that he is a member of the family.

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(1- 92-116) (NICHOLAS CIVELLA)  
(1- 92-115) (CARL CIVELLA)  
(1- 92-246) [REDACTED]  
(1- 92-326) (JOE GUERRA)  
(1- 92-114) [REDACTED]

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>ds</b>
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REFERENCE

Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 7/25/63, at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

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Information copies of this report sent to Chicago because of continuing investigation that office and to Kansas City because of the presence of the Subject in that Division.

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Leads for auxiliary offices are handled by separate communications.

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Report results of investigation based on leads previously set out.
2. Interview [ ] at [ ] State Prison, based on information he allegedly furnished to [ ]
3. Continue to maintain contacts with informants calculated to have information relative to this case.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is PCI [ ] contacted by SAs RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND;

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MI T-2 is [ ] contacted by SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM;

MI T-3 is [ ] contacted by SAs [ ] and [ ]

MI T-4 is [ ] contacted by reporting Agent.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: September 20, 1963

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File #: MI 92-257

Bureau File #: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Original informant, this matter, changes his story in some essential respects re persons involved in BIERNAT killing. [redacted] in [redacted] furnished information re 3 Illinois hoodlums suspected based on their contact with [redacted] prior to the killing. House where BIERNAT buried burned apparently by juveniles. [redacted] after Grand Jury appearance contacted [redacted] Details unknown.

[redacted] Information set out from [redacted] which he attributes to [redacted] JOSEPH FRANK GURERA and DUSTER BALESTREKE both in Kansas City, and FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI reportedly expects them to return to Milwaukee after passage of suitable time. SUBJECT KNOWN TO BE IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:Re ANTHONY J. BIERNAT Murder:

MI T-1, who had originally furnished information through Milwaukee police sources (see page 195-198 in Milwaukee report, March 1, 1963, captioned ANTHONY J. BIERNAT--Missing Person), was contacted July 29, 1963, and advised as follows:

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Informant acknowledged that he had given the information to a police official, who in turn gave it to the FBI with his knowledge. He said that his recollection of the facts that he gave was poor, but he did reiterate that he had referred to a party known as WISSMAN or WISEMAN and that he now knows that this was "WEISER" COVELLI, [redacted]. Informant said that he did not know the identity of the person he referred to as [redacted] nor did he know the identity of individual referred to as [redacted]. Informant also said that he could not amplify as to the part these two individuals had in the abduction and killing of BERNAT and he did not know the significance of their names having been furnished to him except that they were supposed to be involved or have knowledge of it.

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Informant said that he has no information concerning [redacted] being connected with this affair or [redacted] one of the principals. He does know [redacted] reputation as a [redacted] and as a gambler.

Informant said he does not now recall ever furnishing any information about [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On July 26, 1963, MI T-3 stated that [redacted] had on [redacted] the date of his appearance before the Federal Grand Jury in Milwaukee, returned to Kenosha late at night and immediately met with [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] and the two of them then went to [redacted]

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[redacted] also remarked on his return that he had been with the group from Milwaukee.

In connection with the Grand Jury appearance of [redacted] on [redacted], U.S. Attorney JAMES B. BRENNAN, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, said that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On September 18, 1963, Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] [redacted] stated that although [redacted] has been before the

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Grand Jury on several occasions [redacted]

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MI T-3 on August 16, 1963, examined a photograph of [redacted] and said that this person was unknown as an associate of COVELLI or [redacted] and was not familiar as anyone informant had ever seen in the vicinity of Greco's Restaurant or in attendance at the craps and poker games held next door.

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On August 20, 1963, the Chicago Office furnished the following information:

On August 15, 1963, Sheriff CHARLES LARSON, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] as follows:

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[redacted], born [redacted] who has a police record at Kenosha, Wisconsin, was recently arrested for a local burglary. LARSON questioned [redacted] in connection with a statement he had made to investigating deputies regarding some jukeboxes and this led into [redacted] stating that he believed he knew who killed ANTHONY BIERNAT. The sketchy details furnished LARSON coincided generally with the information set forth below which was obtained from [redacted] on interview on August 16, 1963. It would appear the Milwaukee Office will be able to evaluate the credibility of his information from some of the specifics claimed.

[redacted] admits to a record of [redacted] He claims to have done time at the [redacted] and to have been incarcerated at [redacted] from [redacted] and again from [redacted] The intervening year was spent in a [redacted] He presently resides at [redacted] with [redacted] He claims to be well known to the Kenosha Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

He knows many of the Kenosha and Milwaukee hoodlums. He did time at the [redacted] with [redacted] of [redacted] met FRANK BALISTRIERI in Milwaukee when he, [redacted] was [redacted] and did

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time at [ ] with [ ] of Milwaukee who was in for murder and robbery and was sent back last year when he was caught with stolen [ ]. He also knew ANTHONY BIERNAT.

From time to time over the years he worked for [ ] also known as [ ] who operates [ ] in Kenosha.

About [ ] 1962, being [ ] he went to [ ] place and asked him [ ] said he could [ ] and at about [ ]

[ ] He and [ ] sat down at a rear table and they were joined by [ ] At the front of the restaurant and to the side of the entrance were [ ] and a man whose name he does not recall but who is a [ ] who is now a [ ]

[ ] It still bears his name.

[ ] claimed that the restaurant was quiet and he could hear [ ] and this man talking about the [ ] One wondered why [ ]

As he and [ ] left, the latter walked over to [ ] table. He heard [ ] tell [ ] that there were [ ] They walked back to the [ ] which they had [ ] and [ ] remarked that he did not [ ] They

[ ] drove to [ ] where they [ ]



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[redacted] had previously filled out applications at [redacted] but this particular date can be verified if [redacted] can be found. (In this connection [redacted] [redacted] advised on [redacted] that the only applications he could locate is [redacted]

[redacted] returned to [redacted] about [redacted]

A day or two later, [redacted] but he [redacted] after the [redacted] At this time he [redacted]

[redacted] furnished the following descriptions of suspects and said he could identify their pictures:

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Age	48-51
Height	6'
Weight	205 lbs.
Build	Heavy, heavy shoulders
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Features	Smooth
Appearance	Resembled BALISTRIERI
Dress	Black suit and topcoat, white hat with black band
Nationality	Italian

Number 2

Age	60
Height	Short
Build	Heavy
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Face	Wrinkled, glasses
Dress	Shabby brown coat, suit and hat
Nationality	Italian

Number 3

Age	47-49
Height	5'8"
Weight	147 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Features	Weasel face, mustache
Dress	Black suit, coat and hat

Lake County Sheriff's Office records reflect [redacted]  
 FBI # [redacted] Kenosha Police Department # [redacted] was arrested  
 in Lake County in 1954 for [redacted]

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The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department made available a transcription of an interview on [redacted] 1963, of [redacted] by Officers [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] investigators of the Kenosha Sheriff's Department. The statement, which is in question and answer form, deals in part with [redacted] knowledge of that ANTHONY J. BIERNAT matter, which information he said he received while at [redacted] from [redacted] whose [redacted] According to [redacted] related an instance where [redacted] when two people [redacted] to [redacted] and BIERNAT about selling out the jukebox business. An argument ensued during this meeting and "POKER JOE" (YUCCA) and [redacted]

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[redacted] was also interviewed in considerable detail about various of the principal suspects in the BIERNAT case, most of whom he knew. He was also questioned about various hoodlum figures in Kenosha and exhibited comprehensive personal knowledge of them and their reputation for criminal activities. He said that as a personal feeling "If there is anybody that can [redacted] Tony Biernat's Death..." that would be EDDIE GRIFFIN, Sr. (deceased), [redacted]

"The Milwaukee Sentinel" of July 22, 1963, carried an article reporting the vacant farmhouse that was the burial site for BIERNAT was burned to the ground on the previous Sunday, July 21, 1963, and quoted an investigator for the Sheriff's Department of Kenosha County relative to teenage girls in the area observing an Illinois car containing five teenage boys seen near the house shortly before the fire and leaving the area at a high rate of speed.

On August 2, 1963, [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, furnished the following information relative to this fire:

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On July 21, 1963, between 3:30 and 4:00 PM, a Kenosha County Sheriff's Department squad was in the area of Bong Air Force

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Base and upon learning about the fire called the Kansasville, Wisconsin, Fire Department. They then interrogated a young girl, name not known to [redacted] who stated that she and her companion, also a young girl, had observed the fire shortly after they had seen a group of four or five teenage boys around the house piling boards against it. They were apparently connected with a car bearing Illinois license plate which was parked nearby. These girls did not see the fire start.

Shortly after the fire a man came into the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and said that his father-in-law, who had been stuck in the mud in the vicinity of this farmhouse at the time of the fire, saw some boys driving a car with Illinois license in the immediate vicinity.

A complaint report furnished by [redacted] reflects that a complaint was received by Deputy [redacted] at 5:00 PM on July 21, 1963, from [redacted]

The details of the complaint were to the effect that the old farmhouse where BERNAT's body was found is on fire and Mr. [redacted] who is a member of the fire department, had left. The complaint desk then advised the Wheaton Fire Department but learned that Burlington takes care of that area and then advised the Burlington Fire Department. The officers report section of this complaint reflects report from Officers [redacted] that the house burned to the ground. The fire was discovered by [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] The girls, age 15, said that they had ridden their bikes past the house but did not see anything wrong. They went on west up the road and saw five boys in a car with Illinois license. They then went back past the house and saw the smoke and upon investigation said it looked to them like someone had piled a bunch of boards against the corner of the building and set them on fire. Report concluded that [redacted] was on the scene.

On August 5, 1963, [redacted] stated that upon the arrival of the fire department at the scene, there was no action possible beyond keeping the fire from spreading and the house burned to the ground. [redacted] said that the fire was apparently set using the materials at hand and there was no evidence of an accelerant. He said there was no doubt that the teenage boys in the Illinois car had set the fire. Both the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and Kansasville Fire Department said that no further action was warranted or would be taken relative to this matter.

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On 8/6/63, a 1960 Lark two-door sedan was removed from a quarry at Racine, Wisconsin, and was examined by SAs [ ] CHARLES F. AHERN and reporting Agent, and there was no indication found that this car was in any way related to the BIERNAT abduction and murder.

On August 30, 1963, the Chicago Office advised that [ ] [ ], Bureau of Labor Management Relations Report, who allegedly had conducted some investigation of [ ] of the Cab Drivers Union in Chicago, which investigation showed numerous telephone calls to Kenosha, Wisconsin, and also a hidden interest in jukebox business, was not available for interview but that the Chicago Office had no current information that [ ] was interested in or had any hidden interest in the jukebox business.

Date June 3, 19631.

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Illinois, advised the following:

He is a salesman for [REDACTED] and has as a section of his territory, the State of Wisconsin.

He sells [REDACTED] and has as one of his customers, WILLIAM COVELLI, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He knows both WILLIAM COVELLI and [REDACTED] who are [REDACTED] in Kenosha. He does not know anything about their business or their associates.

Any contact that he would have had with COVELLI would be pertaining to business.

On 5/24/63 at [REDACTED] Illinois File # CG 92-1181

by SA [REDACTED]/rms Date dictated 5/27/63

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Re JOSEPH FRANK GURERA:

MI T-1 on the occasion of his interview July 29, 1963, said that GURERA was presently in Kansas City and "would never come back to stay in Milwaukee." Informant continued that if GURERA tried to do so one of the local boys might furnish information about him to the authorities. Informant said that the adverse sentiment against GURERA was caused by the fact that he came to Milwaukee taking a job given him by FRANK BALISTRIERI and that the "local boys" "didn't see why BALISTRIERI needed to bring in someone from the outside or why the local organization had to be so aggressive. Informant expanded by saying that the opinion of the local boys was that the police in Milwaukee would leave the local element pretty much alone but would be very aggressive against outsiders but that the outfit had a pretty good thing going before GURERA came in on the scene based on a small but profitable gambling setup of local proportions.

MI T-2 on July 24, 1963, said that to all outward appearances BUSTER BALESTARRI and JOE GURERA have returned to Kansas City for good; however, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Informant said that GURERA is in the cement and construction business in Kansas City and also running a book similar to the one in Milwaukee, which is owned and operated by the Kansas City syndicate.

Kansas City advised on July 30, 1963, as follows:

SA [REDACTED] has observed that construction work is progressing at the rear of the automatic laundry owned by GURERA located at the corner of Metropolitan and Broadway Streets, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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On May 17, 1963, [REDACTED] Leavenworth Police Department, advised IC [REDACTED] that building permit 4596 had been issued for the erection of a masonry building at 1203 North Broadway estimated to be at a cost of \$6,000 in the

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in the name of JOE GURERA. This is undoubtedly the building that GURERA mentioned in the previous interview to Agent when he advised that he was going to establish a pizzeria at the rear of his automatic laundry.

On July 10, 1963, Subject was observed in this location by SAs [redacted] and GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

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On [redacted] 1963, MI T-4 stated that there is no information known to informant indicating that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are planning to return to Milwaukee from Kansas City. This informant noted that WILLIAM COVELLI and [redacted] had met with FRANK BALISTRIERI on at least two occasions in the past week or ten days at [redacted]. Informant learned that gambling was completely closed down in Kenosha without prospect of being reopened. Informant was not able to get any ideas as to the purpose of the meeting between these individuals except for the fact that they met with [redacted] leading informant to believe that they were meeting relative to their [redacted].

On August 3, 1963, [redacted] said that he went to work for [redacted] in the latter part of [redacted] at the invitation of [redacted], who was also working for WALTER BLACKIE and GUS CHIAVEROTTI on the premises of the Para Corporation. These two individuals were [redacted] as [redacted] to their regular employment at Para. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] got any money for pay and [redacted] had quit the job as of [redacted] and [redacted] said that he was quitting the next day.

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[redacted] CHIAVEROTTI and BLACKIE are purchasing used jukeboxes from [redacted] at \$125 each ([redacted] is having trouble collecting his money). They have purchased ten or eleven such machines and have a deal with some cabinetmaker to put the renovated machines in new cabinets of which they have so far received about seven. The machines are being sold by these individuals plus FRANK BALISTRIERI's son, JOE BALISTRIERI.

[redacted] recognized a photograph of JOE GURERA as an individual he had seen [redacted] on a couple of occasions. He also knows FRANK BALISTRIERI as an occasional visitor to Para but is not acquainted with STEVE DE SALVO's photo.





In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

September 20, 1963

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HOODLUM ALBUM

RE Bureau letter to Albany, 9/10/63.

Enclosed herewith are photos of NICHOLAS CIVELLA, CARL CIVELLA, and MAX JABEN, who are subjects of top hoodlum investigations in this office. In addition, photos of [ ] JOSEPH GURERA and [ ] are also enclosed inasmuch as they have been identified as members of "The Family" in the Kansas City area.

Two negatives and 4 photos are being enclosed of NICK CIVELLA, which photos were taken in August, 1963, during surveillances. A negative and two photos are a front view of CIVELLA, and a negative and two photos are profile views.

There is enclosed three photos of CARL CIVELLA taken during the summer of 1962 by Kansas City Star news photographer. This office does not have a negative of this photo.

Also enclosed is a negative and two photos of [ ] which photo was obtained during the summer of 1963.

Enclosed is negative and two photos of MAX JABEN, which photos were taken during March, 1962.

Enclosed are two negatives and 4 photos of [ ] which photos have been obtained from movie film taken of [ ] during August, 1962. A negative and two photos reflect a profile and front view of [ ]

Also enclosed are two photos and a negative of JOSEPH GURERA, which photo was obtained by the Milwaukee Office during February, 1963.

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10-8-63

SA [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed in connection with 42-11747 on 10-8-63 at the residence of [redacted] by [redacted] PD and Agent. A separate communication has been submitted to that file on information of value furnished by [redacted]. Copies of same have been designated to this file.

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RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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PCI advised [redacted] NINO Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway which is owned by JOSEPH GURERA and operated by [redacted]

PCI also reported that a few days ago, believed to have been on the past week end several rough looking men [redacted] at Nino's Pizzeria visiting JOE GURERA. [redacted] did not overhear their conversation but the description furnished compares favorably with that of [redacted] who is known to be a close friend of JOE GURERA. It is also recalled that the wife of [redacted] has been working at this establishment. Also that [redacted] more which he kept at the Catalina of the Oaks near Camden, Mo.

PCI [redacted] is willing to be of assistance to the Bureau in [redacted] and will attempt to obtain the license numbers of any cars believed occupied by friends visiting there from outside areas. [redacted] is aware that JOE GURERA formerly spent some time in Milwaukee.

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JOE GURERA

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PCI furnished the following as to description and background.

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Eyes  
Marital Status

Relatives

Address

[Redacted]

Records of the [Redacted] reflects PCI was arrested with [Redacted]  
[Redacted] A reply was received from the  
Bureau advising no previous identification record. [Redacted] was shown as follows;

[Redacted]

PCI [Redacted] is under no conditions to be considered an employee of the  
FBI, [Redacted] is not to contact this office in person, all information must be furnish-  
to this office and must be maintained confidential. Any financial gain [Redacted]  
for information furnished on a COD basis must be reported as income and [Redacted] is  
not to divulge [Redacted] contacts with agent of this office to  
outside sources. [Redacted] advised of the jurisdiction of the FBI and the type of  
information desired.

PCI is in a position to furnish information in connection with the Criminal  
Intelligence Program as relates to 92 matters, FUDE, WSTA, ITSMV, TOP, OGR, ITSP  
ITWI, BB, BR, TPIS and possibly other classification on further development.

A photograph of PCI obtained from [Redacted] is being placed in this  
file.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (42-326)

DATE: 11-18-63

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: Joseph FRANK GURER *phon*  
DR

It is to be noted that the writer was at In-Service Training from October 7 through October 13, 1963, and prior to this date worked on virtually an exclusive basis on case entitled, "[REDACTED] ET AL, ITSP", KC 87-16020.

During period 10/21/63 through 11/1/63, the writer was utilized as Relief Supervisor on Desk No. 4.

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**Kansas City, Missouri**

**November 29, 1963**

**JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

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The following is the characterization of informants utilized in the report of SA George F. Lueckenhoff at Kansas City dated and captioned as above:

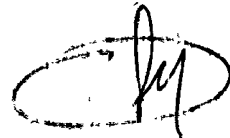
KC T-1 is an individual who has knowledge concerning activity at   
Kansas.

KC T-2 is an individual who has frequent contact with members of the criminal element and criminal organization, Kansas City, Missouri.

KC T-3 is an employee of another Government agency.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>11/29/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/23/63 - 11/23/63</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENEHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>SEC</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN 9/20/63 at Milwaukee.

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## ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

## LEADS

## THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

Will continue to conduct appropriate investigation to determine subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

The period of this report extends from 7/23/63 to 11/23/63 in view of the fact interview was conducted with the

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subject in the course of another matter and it has never been reported to date.

It is to be noted that subject was interviewed on 8/1/63 in connection with the investigation of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in an APACS investigation. [REDACTED] had been employed in the past by subject.

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**INFORMANTS:**

KC T-1 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA [REDACTED]

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KC T-2 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA ROBERT J. DEMBEN.

KC T-3 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.



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Copy to: 1-USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENLOFF  
Date: 11/29/83

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File No.: KC 92-326

Bureau File No.: KC 92-4890

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to operate Nino's Pizzeria and a laundromat in Leavenworth, Kansas. Subject reportedly [redacted] in Nino's Pizzeria from this location. Subject observed visiting House of Tacos, Kansas City, Mo. [redacted] Kansas City, Mo. PD advises no unusual activity observed on part of subject. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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On September 6, 1963, [redacted] advised SAs ANTHONY E. SCHIAPPA and [redacted] that [redacted] a restaurant known as Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas on September 3, 1963. She advised that this location is [redacted] while she and her sister, [redacted] when it is possible for them to be in Leavenworth.

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KC T-1 advised on October 8, 1963, that Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas is owned by JOSEPH GURERA and [redacted] T-1 advised that a few days prior to October 8, 1963, three [redacted]

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T-1 also advised that during the weekend of October 5-6, 1963, several unidentified men [redacted] and were seen visiting JOE GURERA at Nino's Pizzeria. T-1 could furnish no additional information concerning these individuals or the significance of their visit.

On July 25, 1963, during the course of another investigation, GURERA was interviewed at 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas. GURERA advised that he and [redacted] have been spending considerable time in Leavenworth, Kansas getting their automatic laundry back into working order. They are constructing an additional building to the tavern where they are operating a pizzeria establishment. GURERA pointed out that there will be an outside patio where food will be served during good weather and thereafter service will be inside.

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GUREBA advised that [ ] will do the cooking for the new establishment. GUREBA stated he had expected the establishment to do a good business as there is no other such location in Leavenworth and this business is ideally located to secure the trade from Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

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The above information was furnished to SA [ ]  
[ ]

KC T-2 advised on July 31, 1963 that T-2 has observed JOSEPH GUREBA in the House of Tacos on several occasions. GUREBA has returned to Kansas City from Milwaukee and is now operating a restaurant and pizza house in Leavenworth, Kansas. T-2 had no idea why GUREBA went to Milwaukee but believes that GUREBA left Milwaukee because of the "heat" that was on due to a killing in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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KC T-3 advised on November 22, 1963, that investigation had been conducted concerning [ ] on the part of subject. T-3 stated that investigation disclosed that subject had [ ] for all pertinent years and to the knowledge of T-3 there was no discrepancy in that respect.

On November 19, 1963, [ ] Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised the members of the Intelligence Division of this department conducted spot checks on subject's residence located at 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas. [ ] advised that members of this unit have noted no unusual activity on the part of subject and ascertained that the subject is employed in the operation of a laundromat and pizzeria owned by him in Leavenworth, Kansas. [ ] stated that subject has been observed on very few, if any, occasions in the Kansas City, Missouri area.

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**Kansas City, Missouri**

**November 29, 1963**

Title

**JOSEPH FRANK GUBERA**

Character

**ANTI-PACKETEERING**

Reference

**Report of SA GEORGE F. LUCKENHOFF  
dated and captioned as above**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURBERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>lmp</b>
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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN at Milwaukee 9/20/63.

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LEADS

Information copy of this report sent to Kansas City because of the presence of the Subject in that Division.

[ ] DIVISION

At [ ]

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Interview [ ] an alleged bookie, regarding his knowledge of Victim ANTHONY J. BERNAT and statement he allegedly made to [ ] that BERNAT would [ ] on a night out. Determine if [ ] has any information significant to the investigation of BERNAT's killing.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Wisconsin:

1. Interview [ ] relative to [ ]  
[ ] as alleged by [ ] Note that PCI [ ] has stated that [ ] has made telephonic threats to [ ] who is [ ] formerly [ ] in [ ] Consider interviewing [ ]
2. Interview [ ] relative to his connection with and knowledge of FRANK STELLON who, according to [ ] was a friend of his while they were both in [ ] should be questioned relative to any knowledge he might have of STELLON's presence in Kenosha or connection with the killing of BERNAT.
3. Locate and interview the [ ] relative to his use of the [ ] on the night of BERNAT's abduction. Information has been received that [ ] during this time and [ ] to work on the late shift.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Continue through contact with informants to attempt to develop information relative to this case.
2. Continue to probe possibilities of getting [redacted] and/or AUGIE MANIACI in a position where there is a possibility of them furnishing information re this case.
3. Report information received from auxiliary offices.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

In reference report a brief synopsis was set out of information obtained from [redacted]. Additional information is set out herein upon which some of the leads previously set out are based.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] contacted by SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

MI T-3 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN A. HOLPZMAN.

MI T-4 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR.

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Report of:

SA JOHN A. HOLTEMAN

Office:

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Date:

December 9, 1963

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

92-4690

Title:

JOSEPH FRANK GUKERA

Character:

ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

Additional information set out obtained from [redacted] relative to individuals who had knowledge of ANTHONY J. BERNAT and might furnish some information significant to his abduction and killing. [redacted] furnished no information of significance to this case. STEVE DE SALVO and FRANK STELLON have limited association together in Milwaukee, continue their collection activities for the outfit. DE SALVO, however, devotes the bulk of his time to operation of cleaning establishment. [redacted] not known to go to Kenosha but has limited association with WILLIAM COVELLI and on occasion with FRANK BALISTIERI. BALISTIERI expressed apprehension lest [redacted] talk before DOJ. [redacted] arrested Chicago 10/29/63 on Federal narcotics charge.

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DETAILS:

In connection with the statement [redacted] made to Kenosha County Sheriff's Department [redacted], 1963 which has been briefly alluded to in rerep, the following additional information is set out from this statement:

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[redacted] was asked about [redacted]  
[redacted] and stated that he had spoken to [redacted]



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about ANTHONY BIERMAT and learned from [redacted] that "many times" BIERMAT would [redacted] gambling, drinking and buying drinks. [redacted] alleged that these discussions took place at [redacted] in [redacted] and said that he had been there many times. The last time he had seen [redacted] was in [redacted] when he tried to [redacted] him. [redacted] also said that he had asked [redacted] to make connections for him, [redacted] for [redacted] with the boys in [redacted] and [redacted] said that he had seen TONY BIERMAT and [redacted] who were known to be close friends, and [redacted] a Kenosha gambler, at this place. He also said that he had seen [redacted] at this place on one occasion but [redacted] allegedly said that he did not want to have any business with [redacted].

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[redacted] also furnished the following information regarding [redacted]

He has known [redacted] since 1960 at which time he was [redacted] in Kenosha and in addition [redacted] and [redacted]. He said that he also was [redacted] in [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted] told [redacted] and others who were present that he had connections in Kenosha and Milwaukee and that if he could [redacted] his Milwaukee connection would back him by lending him money to procure "a certain jukebox route from somebody in Kenosha." He did not mention any names of Milwaukee individuals nor the name of the jukebox distributor in Kenosha. [redacted] did not mention just when this conversation took place but said that [redacted] had just been [redacted]

[redacted] was also questioned about [redacted] and said that he had met [redacted] around 1960 but that as of the time of his interview, [redacted] was [redacted]. According to [redacted] wife, a [redacted] and [redacted] himself, is a close associate of FRANK STELLON. [redacted] said that the last time he knew anything about [redacted] was [redacted] 1962 when [redacted] came to the [redacted] where [redacted] was [redacted] to register as [redacted] and at that time he told [redacted] that he had a [redacted] job with the [redacted]

Date October 8, 1963

[redacted], presently [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following information:

He is [redacted] years of age, has been [redacted] since the first of 1962 and is [redacted]. He plans to go to [redacted] with [redacted] by [redacted] of 1964. In the meanwhile, between [redacted] and moving to [redacted] he expects to work for the [redacted] and [redacted] is hopeful of [redacted]

[redacted] said that he was interviewed in [redacted] by Detectives [redacted] of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department and that the interview was taped. It was based on information these officers had obtained from [redacted] also [redacted]

With regard to information [redacted] had furnished that he, [redacted], had seen two Milwaukee men arguing with [redacted] about selling out jukebox business to them, [redacted] said that this incident occurred five to seven years ago when he was [redacted]. He said that [redacted] "POKER JOE" YUCCA were in the shop arguing and that BIERNAT finally told the men to leave and not to come back. [redacted] were from Milwaukee and wanted to move into Kenosha. [redacted] said it was possible that he might recognize one of the two individuals, but he examined photographs of known Milwaukee hoodlums and was not able to make an identification of any of them.

He said that in the late fall of 1961 or early winter of 1962, just prior to [redacted] he had observed BIERNAT and an unknown Italian man talking in front of BIERNAT's place of business, but he has no idea what they were talking about and has never heard any reference from BIERNAT or [redacted] relative to this conversation. He said that "POKER JOE" YUCCA was inside BIERNAT's place of business at this time. [redacted] made a tentative identification of this individual as identical with JOSEPH GURERA but said he could not be sure of this, that he did not see him connected with any automobile or with any other individual. (It is

On 9/26/63 at [redacted] File # MI 92-257

SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY & JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 10/2/63  
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noted that GURERA did not get to Milwaukee until February of 1962.)

[ ] was also asked relative to the BIERNAT case as to whether he had ever known BIERNAT to gamble as alleged by [ ] and said that he had not. He related the information he had received from [ ], that BIERNAT's killing could be laid to the West Side gang in Kenosha but said that [ ] was not specific as to who particularly was responsible. He, likewise, said that [ ] told him about the visit of various Milwaukee hoodlums, none of whom were known to him, to Kenosha, in an effort to buy out Biernat's jukebox business.

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MI T-1 advised on October 14 and again on October 28, 1963 that the outfit in Milwaukee continues to be very quiet awaiting the outcome of John Doe investigation but that the same Italian gamblers and night club operators as had been paying off previously were still making weekly payments to STEVE DE SALVO and that FRANK STELLION was going with DE SALVO on these collections and contacts of other hoodlums whereas STELLION had in the recent past not accompanied DE SALVO except when DE SALVO wanted to "shake up somebody."

The informant stated that there is absolutely no talk in the Milwaukee hoodlum circles relative to the ANTHONY J. BERNAT killing.

MI T-2 on September 13, 1963 stated that [redacted] has not been in Kenosha for a long period of time nor had the informant heard anything concerning [redacted] activities in connection with WILLIAM COVELLI. Informant said that COVELLI was devoting the bulk of his time to the operation of his cigarette vending machine route but did take an occasional trip to Waukegan, presumably to do some type of gambling and also had mentioned his interest in opening a booking operation in Kenosha.

Informant said that SAM IAGHINIA, formerly a partner of ANTHONY BERNAT, had, along with a number of other Italians, left for a trip to Italy on September 7, 1963. [redacted] was originally supposed to go with this group but did not probably due to the fact that COVELLI is having current difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service relative to his income tax returns.

This informant stated that [redacted] is still running around with [redacted] and in this connection mentioned that she usually kept the family car in Kenosha and that [redacted] who worked at the [redacted] in [redacted] had to [redacted] or seek other [redacted] Informant said that at the time of BERNAT's abduction at the North Shore Station in Kenosha [redacted] was [redacted] and it is possible that he was in the station on the night of the abduction.

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MI T-3 stated on July 22, 1963 that BALISTRIERI told DOMINIC PRINZI that he was concerned lest [redacted] talk to the Grand Jury [redacted]

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[redacted] and BALISTRIERI asked PRINZI, "What'll we do if he talks?" PRINZI allegedly replied, "Don't worry about it - he wouldn't dare." To this statement BALISTRIERI said, "You and [redacted] and all of them say that he wouldn't dare; I know a few things too and he would dare."

MI T-4 on September 27, 1963 reported that on September 26, 1963 FRANK BALISTRIERI, "WELSER" COVILLI and [redacted] were seen together at the Cher-Col House in Maubogen having dinner together and that they had apparently been to Chicago together.

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The Chicago Office advised on October 31, 1963 that [redacted] was arrested on October 29, 1963 along with 14 other alleged conspirators by Federal Narcotics Agents and that he was released on \$40,000 bond the following day.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **92-257**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**December 9, 1963**

Title	<b>JOSEPH FRANK GUNERA</b>
Character	<b>ANTI - RACKETEERING</b>
Reference	<b>Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated and captioned as above.</b>

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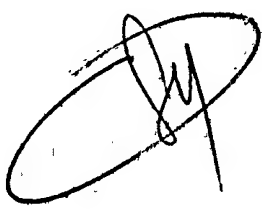
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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is the characterization of the informant utilized in the report of SA George F. Lueckenhoff at Kansas City dated and captioned as above:

KC T-1 is an individual who has [redacted] [redacted] the criminal element. KC T-1 is not available for testimony before a Federal judicial body.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>djm</b>
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## REFERENCE:

Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, at Kansas City, 11/29/63.  
Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, at Milwaukee, 12/9/63.

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## ENCLOSURES: TO BUREAU

Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

## LEADS:

## KANSAS CITY DIVISION

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INFORMANTS:

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Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
Date: 1/27/64

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File No.: 92-326

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject continues to reside, Johnson County, Kansas and operate a pizzeria and laundro-mat in Leavenworth, Kansas.  
CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

On January 17, 1964, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised that members of his unit have ascertained that JOE GURERA continues to reside at 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas, and operate a pizzeria and laundro-mat in Leavenworth, Kansas. [redacted] stated that spot checks are made on his residence periodically. He further pointed out that continuous spot checks made on known prominent members of the criminal element in Kansas City failed to reflect any association between subject and these individuals. He likewise pointed out that subject has not been seen by members of his unit with his brother-in-law BUSTER BALESTIERE during the past several months.

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed the residence located at 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas, on January 20, 1964, and although subject was not observed at this location, it was apparent that individuals continue to live at this location.

KC T-1 has advised on several occasions during December, 1963 and January, 1964, that JOSEPH GURERA has not been observed by KC T-1 to frequent locations most prominently frequented by



*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Kansas City, Missouri  
January 27, 1964**

**Title            JOSEPH FRANK CURRERA**

**Character        ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Reference       Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 1-23-63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas this date while visiting the Leavenworth Resident Agency mentioned that he had been to the Nino Pizzeria on a number of occasions during the past few months and had made the acquaintance of GURERA. He stated that GURERA indicated that he wanted to come to his office "one of these days" and talk to him. GURERA reportedly mentioned that he wanted to expand the Nino Pizzeria at 1201 Broadway to accommodate a larger dinner crowd. [REDACTED] stated he gained the impression that GURERA wanted to get [REDACTED] established in business.

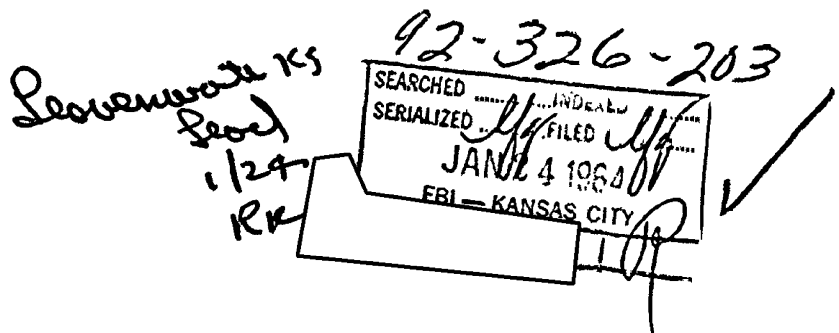
[REDACTED] mentioned that he had not known of GURERA's reputation until recently. He also mentioned that the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] had here from Kansas City to visit GURERA.

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[REDACTED] stated that he understood that GURERA had had a rather serious heart attack late in December and was supposed to have been confined to bed for a year at his home near Kansas City but that he had refused to stay in bed and had returned to Leavenworth to see about the operation of his business here.

A contact will be made with GURERA in the next few days to verify this illness and a memoranda will be submitted regarding same.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 1-28-64

FROM : SA

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Remymemo 1-23-64

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was contacted at the Nino Pizzeria 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas 1-27-64.

GURERA advised that during December 1963 he had experienced pains in his chest and after he had consulted his doctor and had taken two EKGs he was advised that he had a heart condition and would have to "slow up" his activities. He advised the condition as explained to him was a spasm at the upper part of the heart which affected the amount of oxygen that reached the heart. He advised that medication completely relieved this situation and he thought he would experience no further difficulty. He added that shortly before December 25, 1963 while in his automatic laundry at 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas he had a rather serious attack and was taken to the hospital and shortly thereafter confined to his home. He stated he was supposed to have remained in bed for several weeks but that he found this impossible. He stated he has quit smoking and was cutting down on his physical activities.

GURERA indicated that business at the Nino Pizzeria had been "fair" and that they are only keeping the place open during the late morning to late evening hours when they can expect the most business. He did not indicate that he expects to expand the business any more than previously mentioned to agent when he first built this establishment. He stated he still intends to open their patio part of the establishment during the summer months. He advised that   continue to assist in the operation of the Pizzeria.

Any additional information developed regarding Subject will be promptly reported.

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SAC (92-124)

2-22-64

~~FELIX FERINA~~ SA [redacted]  
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FELIX FERINA  
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[redacted]  
2-12-64 advised that he is presently assigned to duty covering the clothing issue where FERINA and several other known hoodlums are assigned. He reported that he was recently talking to FERINA and the latter ask him if he had eaten recently at the NINO Pizzeria 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas. He stated that JOE G (Joe Gurera) owner of this establishment is a good friend of his.

[redacted] also stated that on 2-8-64 he overheard a conversation in the clothing room between SALVATORE SANTORA and JOHN ARMENTO during which one of these men ask, "Who was it that took us around Kansas City when we were there?" [redacted] stated the other one made the comment, "It was JOE G".

USP files reflect that SALVATORE SANTORA #77695-L was sentenced 4-17-59 in USDC, NY, NY to 20 years for a narcotic violation and Conspiracy. He is a white male born 11-18-15 New York, FBI #838426 and is presently assigned to the clothing room of the USP.

JOHN ARMENTO #80143-L (true name) GIOVANNI ORMAUDO was sentenced 6-26-62 in USDC, NY NY for 60 days contempt of court and on 7-10-62 to 40 years (Consecutively) and \$20,000 for a narcotic violation and conspiracy to receive conceal and transport. He is a white, male born 8-1-12 New York, FBI 1321383. He is assigned to the Food Service at the USP-L.

[redacted] advised that SANTORA and ARMENTO have been observed in the clothing room on a number of occasions talking to FERINA. He also stated that FERINA is occasionally observed talking to [redacted]

[redacted] advised he would remain alert and report any information that comes to his attention regarding FERINA and [redacted]

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2-92-253 [redacted]

2-92-326 (Gurera)

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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was interviewed at Ninos Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway. He was advised he did not have to make any statement; that any statement he did make could be used against him in a court of law; and that he had the right to consult an attorney.

GURERA advised that during December, 1963, he had experienced pains in his chest; and, after he had consulted his doctor and had taken two EKGs, he was advised that he had a heart condition and would have to "slow up" his activities. He advised the condition as explained to him was a spasm at the upper part of the heart, which affected the amount of oxygen that reached the heart. He advised that medication completely relieved this situation, and he thought he would experience no further difficulty.

He added that shortly before December 25, 1963, while in his automatic laundry at 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, he had a rather serious attack and was taken to the hospital, and shortly thereafter confined to his home. He stated he was supposed to have remained in bed for several weeks, but that he found this impossible. He stated he has quit smoking, and was cutting down on his physical activities.

GURERA indicated that business at the Nino Pizzeria has been "fair," and that they are only keeping the place open during the late morning to late evening hours, when they expect the most business. He did not indicate that he expects to expand the business any more than previously mentioned to Agent when he first built this establishment. He stated he still intends to open their patio part of the establishment during the summer months. He advised that [redacted] continue to assist in the operation of the Pizzeria.

On 1/27/64 at Leavenworth, Kansas KC File # 92-326 - 206  
by SA [redacted] :LP Date dictated 1/28/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>3/23/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/23 - 3/16/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>LP</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 1/27/64.

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LEADKANSAS CITY DIVISIONAt Kansas City, Missouri:

Will continue to conduct appropriate investigation to determine subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY  
Date: 3/23/64

Field Office File No.: KC 92-326 Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to operate Ninos Pizzeria, Leavenworth, Kansas, and resides 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas. Subject advises that during December, 1963, he had experienced a heart attack and has been ordered to cut down on his physical activities. [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised he overheard conversation between inmates referring to subject. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS

On March 13, 1964, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF that detectives assigned to this unit have observed no unusual activity on the part of subject. [redacted] stated that in fact, detectives have not noticed subject associating with any criminal figures.

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On March 16, 1964, SA LUECKENHOFF personally observed subject's automobile in the driveway of his residence located 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Missouri, bearing 1963 Kansas License JO 71789.

On January 23, 1964, [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] that he had visited Ninos Pizzeria on a number of occasions during the past few months and had made the acquaintance of JOSEPH GURERA. He stated that GURERA indicated he wanted to come [redacted]

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office "one of these days" and talk to him. GURERA mentioned that he wanted to expand the Ninos Pizzeria at 1201 Broadway to accommodate a larger dinner crowd. [redacted] stated he gained the impression that GURERA wanted to get [redacted] established in business.

[redacted] further furnished information reflecting that the [redacted] had visited GURERA. He also stated that it is his understanding GURERA had had a rather serious heart attack late in December, 1963, and was supposed to have been confined to bed for a year at his home near Kansas City. GURERA refused to stay in bed and had returned to Leavenworth, Kansas, to see about the operation of his business in that community.

Investigation has disclosed that Gaetano's Restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri, is [redacted] and [redacted] has FBI # [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [ ]

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

On February 12, 1964, [ ]

[ ] advised that he is presently assigned to duty covering the clothing issue where FELIX FERINA and several other known hoodlums are assigned. He reported that he was recently talking to FERINA and the latter asked him if he had eaten recently at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas. FERINA stated that JOE G (JOE GURERA), owner of this establishment, is a good friend of his.

[ ] also stated that on February 8, 1964, he overheard a conversation in the clothing room between SALVATORE SANTORA and JOHN ARMENTO during which one of these men asked, "Who was it that took us around Kansas City when we were there?" [ ] stated the other one made the comment, "It was JOE G."

U. S. Penitentiary files reflect that SALVATORE SANTORA, #77695-L, was sentenced April 17, 1959, in U. S. District Court, New York, New York, to 20 years for a narcotics violation and conspiracy. He is a white male, born November 13, 1915, at New York, FBI #338426, and is presently assigned to the clothing room of the U. S. Penitentiary.

JOHN ARMENTO, #30143-L (true name GIOVANNI ORMANDO) was sentenced June 26, 1962, in U. S. District Court, New York, New York, for 60 days for contempt of court, and on July 10, 1962, to 40 years (consecutively) and \$20,000, for a narcotics violation and conspiracy to receive, conceal and transport. He is a white male, born August 1, 1912, New York, FBI #1321383. He is assigned to the Food Service at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth.

[ ] advised that SANTORA and ARMENTO have been observed in the clothing room on a number of occasions talking to FERINA. He also stated that FERINA is occasionally observed talking to [ ]

FELIX FERINA, FBI #2633201, and [ ] are both serving sentences at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, after being convicted of conspiring to assault a Federal witness who appeared and testified in a Federal narcotics matter.

Director, FBI (92-4690)

3/30/64

SAC, Kansas City (92-326) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Rerep SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 3/23/64 at  
Kansas City.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies of  
amended page 4 for rerep.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are two (2) copies of  
amended page 4, and two (2) copies of letterhead memorandum.  
Milwaukee is requested to forward enclosed letterhead memorandum  
to the U. S. Attorney at Milwaukee.

Information set out on amended page 4 and in letterhead  
memorandum was inadvertently omitted from above-referenced report,  
although reference to this information appears in the synopsis  
of this report.

Kansas City copies have been corrected.

This information was inadvertently omitted from rerep  
by dictating agent, and form errors have been scored against  
personnel involved. No further administrative action is recommended.

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Kansas City, Missouri

March 30, 1964

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Reference is made to report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff dated March 23, 1964, at Kansas City.

[redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised Special Agent [redacted] on February 12, 1964, that he is presently assigned to duty covering the clothing issue where Felix Ferina and several other known hoodlums are assigned. He reported that he was recently talking to Ferina and the latter asked him if he had eaten recently at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas. Ferina stated that Joe G (Joe Gurera), owner of this establishment, is a good friend of his.

[redacted] also stated that on February 8, 1964, he overheard a conversation in the clothing room between Salvatore Santora and John Armento during which one of these men asked, "Who was it that took us around Kansas City when we were there?" [redacted] stated the other one made the comment, "It was Joe G."

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[redacted] advised that Santora and Armento have been observed in the clothing room on a number of occasions talking to Ferina. He also stated that Ferina is occasionally observed talking to [redacted].

2-Milwaukee (92-231)

1-Kansas City (RC 92-326)

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of any kind. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Felix Ferina, FBI #2683291, and [REDACTED]  
FBI # [REDACTED] are both serving sentences at the United States  
Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, after being convicted of  
conspiring to assault a Federal witness who appeared and  
testified in a Federal narcotics matter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 3-30-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED], Leavenworth, Kansas on 3-16-64 advised that he had recently talked to JOE GURERA at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway and GURERA suggested that he go to Kansas City "one of these days and meet some boys down there". [REDACTED] advised he has no idea who "the boys" may be but he feels they are probably some of GURERA's Italian friends.

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As has been previously reported [REDACTED] has been eating at the Nino Pizzeria on occasions and GURERA had gone out of his way to [REDACTED]. Detective [REDACTED] Leavenworth PD has reported the same attitude on the part of GURERA toward officers of this department.

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[REDACTED] advised he would be willing to make a trip to KC just to find out who GURERA is referring to as "the boys" if such information would be of assistance to this office. He advised that he will furnish any additional information he obtains from contacts with GUERBA.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-326)

DATE: 4/17/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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The following death notice appeared in the 4/13/64 edition of the Kansas City Times and pertains to [REDACTED]

"MARCHESE - JOSEPH, age 51, of 4109 Blue Ridge cut-off, passed away April 11th. Survived by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] all of the home; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rosary Mon. 8 p. m. at the chapel, 2117 Indep. blvd, from where funeral will be held Tues. morning 8:30. Services St. John's church, 9 a. m. Burial Mt. St. Marys. PASSANTINO BROS. GR 1-2844

In relation to the above, it appears that Mrs. [REDACTED] who formerly resided [REDACTED], has remarried and is now Mrs. [REDACTED] referred to in the above article.

In addition, it appears that BUSTER BALESTRERE is now residing 9911 Blue Ridge, Kansas City, Missouri, as had been previously indicated through other investigation.

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1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)

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SAC, Milwaukee [redacted]

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Director, FBI [redacted]  
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Re Milwaukee letter dated 4-21-64.

For information of the Kansas City Office, on page 3 of relet informant advised he had learned that Buster Balestrere and Joe Gurera will return to Milwaukee before June and present plans call for them to start up a big crap game in the Milwaukee area. Gurera and Balestrere will be greeters and hosts wherever the game is held.

For information of the Milwaukee and Kansas City Offices, if it can be shown that Balestrere and Gurera traveled in interstate commerce for the purpose of establishing or to carry on a business activity involving gambling, in this case a crap game, a potential violation of the ITAR Statute would be involved. This would be especially true if the crap game was set up or placed into operation by Balestrere and Gurera shortly after their travel from Kansas City to Milwaukee. Both offices should, therefore, alert confidential informants and sources of information to insure receipt of notification in case Gurera and Balestrere actually travel to Milwaukee and thereafter set up a crap game. In that event, a new ITAR case should be opened and all efforts expended to prove up the elements of the ITAR Statute. Keep Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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AIRTEL - AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-5130)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-696) [P]

Re: BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka  
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OO: Kansas City

ReBulet to Milwaukee 4-28-64, entitled " [redacted]  
Bufile [redacted]

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The Kansas City Division has developed no information to date reflecting that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are returning to Milwaukee prior to June. At the present time, BALESTRERE is renovating and in the process of opening a new restaurant-bar in Kansas City, Missouri, which will be [redacted] by his [redacted]. BUSTER BALESTRERE has been seen personally working on the renovation of this location on a continuous basis.

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JOE GURERA has informed Agents he has suffered a second heart attack and he appears to be actively engaged in the operation of a pizzeria and laundromat in Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Kansas City office has alerted confidential informants and sources of information to insure receipt of information reflecting that these individuals may travel to Milwaukee for the purpose of setting up a crap game.

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3 - Milwaukee (1 - 92-166, B. Balestrere)  
(1 - 92- [redacted], J. Gurera)  
(1 - [redacted])  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 5-8-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED] Leavenworth PD has advised 5-8-64 that one [REDACTED] (LNU) age late 30s, 5'9", 185# wavy hair, near dresser driving a 1960 Ford Station wagon, light blue with Missouri license CC6-484 from Kansas City accompanied by a young Italian has been a frequent visitor at the Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 North Broadway.

[REDACTED] also advised that another group in a blue Valiant four door from Kansas City has been seen at this place on several occasions.

LEAD: Kansas City, Mo.

Determine owner of 1960 Ford Station Wagon, Mo lic. CC6-484 and indicate on memo reporting same that information be furnished Agent at Leavenworth.

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JOHN MANGIARACINA  
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Reference is made to the FD-209 of SA [ ] 4-22-64  
in [ ] on which a new case 92-1307 was opened as to [ ]  
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Reference FD-209 reflects the association between Subject  
and [ ] who is employed as [ ] at the [ ]  
Kansas and who has a [ ] in his  
home, the [ ] It is noted Subject indicated to the  
PCI that he ~~had~~ wanted to keep [ ] in his hip pocket and  
that he wanted to get something on [ ]. Further that [ ]  
indicated to the PCI that he had "been doing favors" for subject.

It will be further noted in Agent's memo of 4-24-64 in  
[ ] the PCI [ ] advised that TONY MANGIARACINA  
another inmate passes messages from an inmate LIVORSIE to Subject  
when Subject visits TONY MANGIARACINA. LIVORSIE is known to be close  
to VETO GENOVESE the nationally known top hoodlum at the USP.

It is very possible that JOHN MANGIARACINA wants to get  
something on [ ] or "get him in his hip pocket" in order  
that he can bribe or otherwise force [ ] to do him favors which  
could relate to the activities of TONY MANGIARACINA, LIVORSIE or  
GENOVESE. Should such occur this could constitute a violation of  
the bribery statute or Irregularities in a Penal Institution.

It is also noted that KC has a pending file on another  
[ ] AR 92-1077. Also that JOSEPH FRANK  
GURETA a relative of Subject and a close associate operates a  
automatic laundry and the Mino's Pizzeria at 1201 Broadway in  
Leavenworth.

In view of the above the Kansas City Office may wish to  
consider re opening the 92 file on Subject to bring information  
regarding him up to date on the possibility that a violation may  
develop.

2-92-111 (JOHN MANGIARACINA)  
1-92-326 (JOSEPH FRANK GURETA)  
1-92-990 (VETO GENOVESE)  
1-92-1077 [ ]  
1-92-1307 [ ]  
1- [ ] (PCI)  
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1- [ ] (ANTHONY MANGIARACINA-IND)  
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*[Signature]*

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>5/19/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/16 - 5/14/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>jah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 3/23/64.

Bureau letter to Milwaukee, 4/28/64, entitled

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## LEADS:

## MILWAUKEE:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will furnish the Kansas City Division with information requested on Administrative pages of this report.

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**KANSAS CITY:**

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Will continue to conduct appropriate investigation to determine subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The period of this report extends from 3/16/64, which is prior to referenced report. Information had not been disseminated to file at time referenced report was dictated.

In view of the fact that subject is currently residing in Johnson County, Kansas, which is in the District of Kansas, the Milwaukee Division is requested to advise whether copies of reports in this matter should be disseminated to the U. S. Attorney, Topeka, Kansas.

Referenced Bureau letter reflects that [redacted] has advised that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE will return to Milwaukee prior to June, 1964. The Milwaukee Division has been advised that no information concerning this has come to the attention of the Kansas City Division.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
Date: 5/19/64

Office: KANSAS CITY

Field Office File No.: 02-320

Bureau File No.: 02-1090

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject continues to operate Nino Pizzeria, Leavenworth, Kansas, and reside at 0021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas. Subject has contacted [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, and suggested to [redacted] that he go to Kansas City and "meet some boys down there." Subject's brother-in-law, JOSEPH MARCHESE, died 4/11/64. Subject has been visited in Leavenworth, Kansas, by unidentified individuals. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

On March 10, 1964, [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] that he had recently talked to JOE GURERA at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas. GURERA suggested that he, [redacted], go to Kansas City "one of these days and meet some boys down there." [redacted] advised he has no idea who "the boys" may be, but he feels they are probably some of GURERA's friends.

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[redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, Police Department, advised SA [redacted] on May 8, 1964, that one [redacted] (last name unknown), age late thirties, 5' 9" in height, 135 lbs. in weight, wavy hair, neat dresser, driving a 1960 Ford station wagon, light blue, with Missouri

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in the Kansas City area in recent months. [redacted] stated that there has been no information developed from sources that GURERA is associating with individuals who are noted for criminal activities in Kansas City, Missouri.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, (92-326)

DATE: 5-19-64

FROM : IC

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Re memo by SA  dated 5-8-64.

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On 5-18-64, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section Records were checked for Missouri license CC6-484. This license was transferred, 11-13-62, to a 1962 Chevrolet BelAir, Station Wagon, VIN 21535S236316, by PAT F. CASSARINO, 128 Olive, Kansas City, Mo. This license was renewed in March, 1964 for instant 1962 Chevrolet SW. At this time there is no record of transfer to a 1960 Ford SW, on file.

The foregoing information should be furnished to SA  at Leavenworth.

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TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) - P -  
SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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On May 19, 1964 [redacted] and [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that he had received information from a confidential source about an incident that had happened recently at the Red Oak Tavern located on Highway 45 and County Trunk NN, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

An unknown male described by a witness as about 45 to 50 years of age, 5'10", 165 lbs., and having grey hair, was drinking at the above tavern and he commenced talking with the bartender about ANTHONY BIERNAT. He stated that he had been a personal friend of BIERNAT for a number of years and he was asking questions as to the public opinion of BIERNAT's murder and other related matters.

[redacted] also advised that the unknown individual was driving a 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck bearing 1964 Missouri license registration No. RKJ400 with the words "Fulton, Missouri" entered on the truck door.

LEADTHE KANSAS CITY DIVISIONAt Fulton, Missouri

- ② - Kansas City (AM) (92-326)  
1 - Milwaukee (92-257)

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Approved: B. J. B.  
Special Agent in Charge

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Will determine identity of person to whom vehicle registration RKJ400 is listed and conduct background investigation to determine if individual is associated with the hoodlum element and if possible any association he may have had with ANTHONY BIERNAT.

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Special Agent in Charge

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-883)

5/26/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Milwaukee letter to Kansas City dated 5/14/64.

Above-referenced letter reflected that on 5/5/64, [redacted] advised SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON concerning his knowledge of La Cosa Nostra members in other areas. It should be noted that this informant [redacted] and thereby should be in a position to know about the membership of certain other people.

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In reporting any of the following material the respective offices are requested to omit all information pertaining to informant's connection with persons involved as well as any indication that the information came from [redacted]

It will be satisfactory to state that this informant advised that the respective individuals are members of La Cosa Nostra.

In the event any further interview of informant is desired concerning any of the individuals referred to below, it is requested that photographs of them be furnished, if possible, in order to establish their identities with certainty. In the case of BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOSEPH GURERA and JOHN MOLLE of Kansas City, however, Milwaukee has photographs of them and there is no question as to whom the informant is talking about.

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Informant said that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOSEPH GURERA and JOHN MOLLE were La Cosa Nostra members in Kansas City. He also said that JOE CUSUMANO was a member in Kansas City. He also stated that JOE JEALOUSO was a member in Kansas City but may now be in St. Louis. He did not know JEALOUSO's whereabouts. He said he was a man about 65 years of age who stayed in Milwaukee at one time.

- 1 - 92-883  
1 - 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)  
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)  
1 - 92-782 (JOHN MOLLE)  
1 - 92-123 (JOSEPH CUSUMANO)

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Pursuant to Bureau instructions, investigation in all such matters should be instituted if cases are not currently being handled. Accordingly, it is suggested that 92-782 re JOHN MOLLE be reopened.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326) P

DATE: 6-5-64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Records of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department reflect that PAT PASQUALE CASSARINO, DOB 2-13-19, residing 128 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri, described white male, 5'7", 190 lbs., was arrested 6-15-62 for speeding. On 7-16-62 this individual was fined a total of \$12.00.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Check Credit Bureau for credit records of PAT PASQUALE CASSARINO.

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members of the criminal organization. KC T-1 pointed out that if subject was associating with members of the criminal organization at the present time, it would very likely have come to his attention. KC T-1 likewise pointed out that subject had formerly in years past been seen frequently at a restaurant operated by JOHN MANCIARACINA, however, subject has not been observed at this location in recent months.



SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-883)

6/5/64

SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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LA COSA NOSTRA

Reference is made to report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND dated 5/28/64, at [redacted] entitled "LA COSA NOSTRA, aka. AR - CONSPIRACY", KC 92-935.

Information furnished by [redacted] T-1 and [redacted] T-3 in this report pertained to individuals to whose case files a copy of this memo is submitted.

[redacted] T-1 who is [redacted] and has furnished information to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND and SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON, is the individual referred to in prior [redacted] communication in which a caution statement was set out. This statement reflected that no information should be reported by other Offices indicating that this information had originated in the [redacted]

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It is suggested that all cases in which this communication is directed that separate leads be set forth to the [redacted] requesting the Office to recontact the informant and obtain full particulars as to how and why this informant states individuals were members of the La Cosa Nosta.

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SA [REDACTED]

BUSTIANO VETO BALESTRERE, aka  
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Re Kansas City letter to Bureau 5/6/64 and Bureau  
letter to Milwaukee 4/28/64 entitled [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Leavenworth PD, advised  
on 6/8/64 that he had not observed JOSEPH GURERA at 1201  
Broadway, the automatic laundry of JOSEPH GURERA or [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] the Nino Pizzeria during the past week. He  
advised that he had observed a 1961 Chevrolet station wagon,  
light blue with Missouri license CC 6-484 on 6/4/64 at about  
3:30 PM at Nino Pizzeria.

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On 6/9/64, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that he  
had recently observed a 1964 light blue Cadillac coupe,  
Missouri license [REDACTED] at JOSEPH GURERA's place of business  
in Leavenworth. He stated he had not observed JOE GURERA  
at this location for approximately one week and on inquiry it  
was observed that GURERA was ill and at home in his residence  
near Kansas City. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] has returned  
from his drive to Illinois and that [REDACTED] was  
observed at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 N. Broadway as late as  
6/6/64. He was advised that he would make further effort to  
determine the exact location of GURERA and whether or not he  
is actually on a drive.

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A separate inquiry will be made by agent regarding  
the ownership of the above license numbers.

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6-16-64

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)  
FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM  
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In view of previous information indicating that at one time the Italian North End crowd intended to put JOSEPH FRANK GURERA in the Teamsters organization in Kansas City in a position of authority it was felt an effort should be made to determine the whereabouts of GURERA during the pertinent period in this matter.

On 6-9-64 [REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas reported that on this date he had observed a 1964 Blue Cadillac Coupe, Missouri license [REDACTED] at the Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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On 6-15-64 [REDACTED] advised that the circumstances surrounding his obtaining the above was that he was at Nino's Pizzeria on 6-9-64 and when this car parked in front of the establishment [REDACTED] made the comment that the driver of this car was a good "Jewish friend" from Kansas City. [REDACTED] also recalls that JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was not there on that date and [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he can not recall exactly when he last saw JOSEPH FRANK GURERA but that it was a day or two before 6-9-64 that GURERA informed him he had not been feeling good and that he intended to take a month off and go to the Ozarks.

[REDACTED] Leavenworth PD 6-15-64 advised that he is fairly certain that he observed JOSEPH FRANK GURERA at the Nino's Pizzeria either shortly before midnight 6-11-64 or shortly after midnight 6-12-64 dressed in ~~light~~ white as though he was working in the Nino's kitchen. He added that GURERA was out in front of the establishment picking up bits of paper in the parking area.

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1-92-696 (EUSTANO VIET BALESTRERE, AR)  
1-92-326 (JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AR)  
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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) ~~(RHC)~~ - P.

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Milwaukee airtel to Kansas City, dated 5/22/64.

The following investigation was conducted by IC  
[redacted] on 6/3/64:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On 6/3/64, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section Records were checked for truck license RKJ-400. This license was issued 12/23/63, to MARY A. MARTIN, Fikes Trailer Court, Fulton, Mo., for a 1963 Ford pickup, VIN 420287.

On 6/3/64, [redacted] Clerk, Driver's License Section, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, stated that Missouri driver's license #5272005, was issued 6/21/62, to MARY ALMA MARTIN, Drive-In Trailer Court, Route 2, Fulton, Mo. On this application she is described as a white, female, born 8/14/07, 126 lbs., 5'6", hair brown, eyes brown, no occupation listed. Her last name was previously listed as MC KNIGHT

The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted] on 6/16/64:

AT FULTON, MISSOURI:

[redacted] Fulton, Mo. PD, said he is well acquainted with ED R. MARTIN, who operates a car wash near Fulton, Mo. He said MARTIN formerly was a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin or Michigan. He said he had suffered a serious injury to his head and he personally felt that this injury affected MARTIN'S mind. He said MARTIN has a good reputation in the community and has no

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arrest record. He said MARTIN is not known to have engaged in any illegal activity and has no hoodlum connections in Fulton, Mo.

Mr. ED R. MARTIN, Route 2, Fulton, Mo., was discreetly contacted at his car wash and engaged in conversation. He related that he has a [redacted] whose name is [redacted]. He is employed by [redacted]. Mr. MARTIN said he visited [redacted] a month or so ago. He also said that he formerly was employed by the SO at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He said about 1/20/60 he suffered a severe injury to his head. He said he was not expected to live. He has visible indications of this injury. He said he believes he was beaten by someone. He said he could not find out what happened and he was told by the SO he could not find out until he had fully recovered. He said he receives compensation at about \$118.00 a month for this injury. He also related that he attempted to hire attorneys to look into the matter in Wisconsin and was told they would not handle the matter. He said this was a big mystery to him and he made some inquiry about it when he was last in Wisconsin about a month or so ago. He said he was told he would never have a memory, but he said his memory is improving. He related he talked to the Chief Investigator for the Attorney General at Madison, Wisconsin, on the occasion of his last trip and attempted to see the Governor. He made no mention of BERNAT, but did say he used to know most of the hoodlums around Kenosha. Mr. MARTIN noted he was born at Jefferson City, Mo., and has lived, most of his life, in the Fulton, Mo. and Kenosha, Wisconsin areas.

The 1963 Chevrolet, bearing Missouri license RKJ-400 was observed at the car wash.

The description of Mr. MARTIN corresponds to that furnished in referenced airtel except he is more bald than grey. His height is 5'5".

If your office desires, it is believed that Mr. MARTIN could be contacted for information without any problem.

Armed and Dangerous

SAC (72-75)

6/23/64

IC [REDACTED]

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2);  
FLOYD BAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM  
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OO: Kansas City

Re memo by SA [REDACTED] 6/16/64.

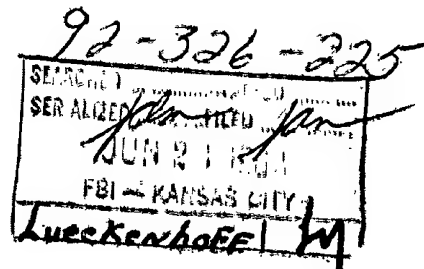
On 6/22/64, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department,  
License Section Records were checked for Missouri license  
[REDACTED] This license was renewed in December, 1963, by  
[REDACTED]

Missouri, for a 1963 Chevrolet 4-door, VIN [REDACTED] At  
this time, there is no transfer on instant license.

On 6/22/64, [REDACTED] Auto Theft and  
Information Bureau, Missouri State Highway Patrol, stated  
that she has no stolen report on Missouri license [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

DATE: 6/29/64

FROM : *B/RB* SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) P

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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OO: MILWAUKEE

Rerep SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, 5/19/64.

On Cover Page B of rerep, it is set out that subject is residing in Kansas and advice is requested as to whether copies of the report should be disseminated to the USA, Topeka.

There appears to be no necessity for this so far as the Milwaukee Office is concerned.

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- 1 - Milwaukee (92-257)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: July 10, 1964

FROM : IC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Rememo of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 6/5/64.

On July 1, 1964, Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, located a credit record for PASQUALE F. (PAT) CASSARINO and wife ROSE, who have been on record since 1960. A report dated May 14, 1964, reflected their residence at 128 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri, formerly 309 Ord, Kansas City, Kansas, and Brentwood, Connecticut.

CASSARINO's employment is listed as sales manager for Kenron Awning Company, 2023 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri. His wife's employment is listed as Italians Restaurant and Salvato's Restaurant. He was formerly the owner of Pat Casey's Sandwich Shop, address not given.

Six accounts have been opened by CASSARINO in the Kansas City area, and all have been paid satisfactorily.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-

DATE: 7-11-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED] who has previously furnished information regarding contacts with Subject at his place of business contacted Agent the night of 7-8-64 to report the following;

On the later afternoon of this date Subject at his place of business (Automatic laundry & the Nino's Pizzeria) 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas suddenly announced that he was closing both his business places on orders of his doctor. [REDACTED] advised that this appeared to be a sudden decision as [REDACTED] was observed making a quick attempt to obtain the restaurant supplies out of the Nino's Pizzeria and it appeared that he had had little advance notice. Subject reportedly was turning the laundry over to his serviceman to operate and had turned the rental of both places over to a real estate agent, identity not disclosed.

The above was furnished SA LUECKENHOFF 7-9-64 who requested it be determined where Subject was taken following his reported heart attack about December 1963. IC [REDACTED] on inquiry determined that Subject was believed to have been taken to the St. Joseph's Hospital, KCMO.

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-962)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-935) P  
SUBJECT: LA COCA NOSTRA (MILWAUKEE DIVISION)  
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee, 7/10/64.

The confidential source has advised on 7/10/64, that on 7/9/64, GURERA hurriedly made plans to close the pizzeria located in Leavenworth, Kansas, and turn the location over to a real estate agent for disposal. In addition, he made arrangements to turn the operation of the laundromat over to another individual. Source advised that GURERA stated he was doing this for reasons of health. Kansas City is endeavoring to determine significance of GURERA's actions and will immediately notify Milwaukee if there is any indication of his moving, or if he has disposed of his operations for health reasons.

This information is being furnished to the Milwaukee Division in light of information reflected in referenced Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee, indicating that GURERA has had a recent meeting with two unidentified individuals.

GURERA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

4 - Milwaukee (2 - 92-962)  
(1 - 92-287 JOSEPH GURERA)  
(1 - 92-166 BUSTER BALESTRENE)  
③ - Kansas City (2 - 92-935)  
(1 - 92-326 JOSEPH GURERA)  
(1 - 92-196 BUSTER BALESTRENE)  
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**AIRMAIL**

**TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-362)**  
**FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-938) P**  
**RE: LA COSA NOSTRA (MILWAUKEE DIVISION)**  
**AR - CONSPIRACY**

**Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau 6-19-64.**

Investigation to date in the Kansas City area has failed to reflect any information concerning a meeting to be held in the Milwaukee or Chicago area.

**BUSTER DALESTREE** was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 7-1-64 at a new restaurant-bar combination recently opened by him which is named **Mr. Jim's**, located 2323 Main, Kansas City, Missouri. **DALESTREE** advised that he would not leave Kansas City as long as he was able to make a living in this community. He furnished information reflecting that the business at the new location operated by him has been encouraging.

**JOSEPH GUERRA** continues to operate a pizzeria and laundromat at Leavenworth, Kansas. On 6-15-64 information was received that **GUERRA** had advised he had not been feeling good and that he intended to take a month off and go to the **Quarks**. **GUERRA** also mentioned during May, 1964, that when [redacted] who was out of town, returns, he, **GUERRA**, "might have to make a trip to New York or China." **GUERRA** reportedly made this statement in a joking manner, but this remark also might indicate that **GUERRA** intends to take a trip on return of [redacted]. To date there has been no indication that **GUERRA** has been absent from Leavenworth, Kansas, for any length of time.

4 - Milwaukee (2 - 92-362) (1 - 92-257 **JOSEPH GUERRA**)  
(1 - 92-166 **BUSTER DALESTREE**)  
1 - Kansas City (2 - 92-938) (1 - 92-326 **JOSEPH GUERRA**)

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[redacted] advised SA GEORGE F. LUNCHEKHOFF on 7-1-64 that he had observed HUSTON BALESTIERE visiting [redacted] aka [redacted] at [redacted] place of business on the prior day. On 7-3-64 the same informant advised he had observed JOSEPH GURERA at the Pancake Patio [redacted] with two unidentified individuals. He described these two individuals as being similar in build and as follows:

Individual #1: white male, 40-42 years of age, 190 lbs., 5'6" - 5'7", reddish blond hair, light complexion, ruddy face, and a prominent nose. Individual #2: white male, 40-42 years of age, 200 lbs., 5'6" - 5'7", stocky build, black hair straight and parted on the side.

He advised that GURERA was at this location from approximately 9:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and all three individuals were well dressed in suits. He stated that shortly after these individuals left the Pancake Patio, HUSTON BALESTIERE appeared looking for them. CI advised he had never seen these individuals previously and has no knowledge concerning their identity or residence.

It is interesting to note that since both BALESTIERE and GURERA have returned to the Kansas City area this is the first definite information received showing them in contact with members of the criminal element in Kansas City or at locations frequented by these individuals. Both [redacted] are members of the criminal element in Kansas City.

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The Milwaukee Division is requested to furnish the Kansas City Division with any information concerning a possible visit to Kansas City by individuals in that area. If such individuals fit the descriptions by [redacted] it is requested that photographs also be forwarded.

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GURERA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>lmp</b>
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REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, Milwaukee, 5/18/64.

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To the Bureau: Two copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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Inquire completely as to the circumstances of SAM IAQUINTA reportedly obtaining the jukebox and vending machine route of Victim's widow, IRENE BIERNAT.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Continue efforts to obtain information of significance to prove this case, particularly in handling informants

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Maintain close liaison with WDCI to insure receipt by us of information they obtain as a result of their probe of the BIERNAT killing in Kenosha.

INFORMANTS

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted], who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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Information copies of this report being furnished to Chicago because of information relative to [redacted] who spends the bulk of his time in [redacted]. Information copy is furnished to Kansas City because the presence there of JOSEPH GURERA, principal suspect and BUSTER BALESTRERE, a close associate.

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For the information of the Kansas City Office, [redacted] has advised as follows, and this information should not be repeated, except in the Administrative section of a report:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: July 15, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI - RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Investigators for Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation (WDCI) advise they are, with authority of the Attorney General and by virtue of Statute under which they were organized, investigating the murder of ANTHONY J. DIERNAT as a part of investigation in Kenosha of hoodlum activities. At their request substance of Bureau information furnished to them. Info received that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTREERE plan a trip to Milwaukee. WILLIAM COVELLI and [redacted] allegedly booking at race track in Chicago. [redacted] not working. List of associates and hangouts set out. Info received that SAM IAQUINTA has taken over the jukebox and vending machine route owned by Victim's widow, IRENE DIERNAT. Info set out resolving a "suspicious" inquiry relative to DIERNAT case in vicinity of Kenosha.

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

During May, 1964 MI T-1 stated that the word was around that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTREERE plan to make a trip to Milwaukee during the month of June, 1964. (They are not known to have done so.) This informant said that WILLIAM COVELLI, [redacted] have not been to Milwaukee in the past several weeks up until latter

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May, 1964, but on June 11, 1964 he stated that [ ] and COVELLI were booking at the Chicago race tracks on a frequent basis.

MI T-3 on June 23, 1964 stated that [ ] hangs out at [ ] liquor store on Brady Street in Milwaukee. [ ] according to this informant, is not known to be working. Others who hang out at this place are AUDIE MANIACI, [ ] and [ ]

On May 11, 1964 [ ] the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation (WDCI), stated that as a part of the John Doe inquiry in Kenosha his organization will inquire into the murder of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, deeming it to be closely interwoven with hoodlum activities in the Kenosha area which they are charged with investigating. Mr. [ ] said that because of the Magistrate's power to grant immunity they are hopeful of achieving some success in the ultimate solution of this case. Mr. [ ] requested that information gathered by the FBI be furnished for assistance of his department in their inquiry. A summary of the information has been furnished.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

MI T-2 stated that comments are going around Kenosha to the effect that SAM IAQUINTA has purchased the jukebox and other vending business currently being operated by IRENE BIERNAT, widow of ANTHONY J. BIERNAT.

On May 19, 1964 [ ] Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advised SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. that he had received information from a confidential source about an incident that had happened recently at the Red Oak Tavern located on Highway 45 and County Trunk NN, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

An unknown male described by a witness as about 45 to 50 years of age, 5'10", 165 pounds, and having grey hair, was drinking at the above tavern and he commenced talking with the bartender about ANTHONY BIERNAT. He stated that he had been a personal friend of BIERNAT for a number of years and he was asking questions as to the public opinion of BIERNAT's murder and other related matters.



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[redacted] also advised that the unknown individual was driving a 1963 Chevrolet pickup truck bearing 1964 Missouri license registration No. RKJ400 with the words "Fulton, Missouri" entered on the truck door.

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AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]  
[redacted] on June 3, 1964:

Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section, records were checked for truck license RKJ-400. This license was issued December 23, 1963, to MARY A. MARTIN, Pikes Trailer Court, Fulton, Missouri, for a 1963 Ford pickup, VIN 420287.

[redacted] Clerk, Driver's License Section, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, stated that Missouri driver's license number 5272005, was issued June 21, 1962, to MARY ALMA MARTIN, Drive-In-Trailer Court, Route 2, Fulton, Missouri. On this application she is described as a white female, born August 14, 1907, 126 pounds, 5'6", hair brown, eyes brown, no occupation listed. Her last name was previously listed as MC KNIGHT.

AT FULTON, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on June 16, 1964:

[redacted] Fulton, Missouri Police Department, said he is well acquainted with ED R. MARTIN, who operates a car wash near Fulton, Missouri. He said MARTIN formerly was a law enforcement officer in Wisconsin or Michigan. He said he had suffered a serious injury to his head and he personally felt that this injury affected MARTIN's mind. He said MARTIN has a good reputation in the community and has no arrest record. He said MARTIN is not known to have engaged in any illegal activity and has no hoodlum connections in Fulton, Missouri.

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Mr. ED R. MARTIN, Route 2, Fulton, Missouri, was discreetly contacted at his car wash and engaged in conversation. He related that he has [redacted] whose name is [redacted]. He is employed by [redacted]. Mr. MARTIN said he visited [redacted] a month or so ago. He also said that he formerly was employed by the Sheriff's Office at Kenosha, Wisconsin. He said about January 20, 1960 he suffered a severe injury to his head. He said he was not expected to live. He has visible indications of this injury. He said he believes he was beaten by someone. He said he could not find out what happened and he was told by the Sheriff's Office he could not find out until he had fully recovered. He said he receives compensation at about \$118.00 a month for this injury. He also related that he attempted to hire attorneys to look into the matter in Wisconsin and was told they would not handle the matter. He said this was a big mystery to him and he made some inquiry about it when he last was in Wisconsin about a month or so ago. He said he was told he would never have a memory, but he said his memory is improving. He related he talked to the Chief Investigator for the Attorney General at Madison, Wisconsin, on the occasion of his last trip and attempted to see the Governor. He made no mention of BERNAT, but did say he used to know most of the hoodlums around Kenosha. Mr. MARTIN noted he was born at Jefferson City, Missouri, and has lived, most of his life, in the Fulton, Missouri, and Kenosha, Wisconsin areas.

The 1963 Chevrolet, bearing Missouri license BKJ-400 was observed at the car wash.

The description of Mr. MARTIN corresponds to that furnished in referenced airtel except he is more bald than grey. His height is 5'5".



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 92-157

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
July 15, 1964

Title	JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA
Character	ANTI - BLACKPANTHERISM
Reference	Report of SA JOHN A. HOLZMAN dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] was contacted in an attempt to locate [redacted] for purposes of an interview. [redacted] stated [redacted] was not at home, however, was expected to return sometime during the late PM on July 21, 1964. [redacted] stated that she would have [redacted] contact the interviewing agent telephonically inasmuch as [redacted] have a silent telephone number and do not wish to give it out for purposes of their own. She would have [redacted] attempt to contact the interviewing agent at the FBI Headquarters, Kansas City, Missouri; however, if the interviewing agent was not available, he would leave word concerning a suitable time and place where the interviewing agent could meet with him.

[redacted] during the conversation, advised that in relation to [redacted] it is [redacted] due to the absence of many individuals who normally [redacted] from which much of the business is derived. She did not comment whether it was intended by them to [redacted].

It is to be noted that [redacted] was only advised that an interview was desired with [redacted] and the entire conversation with [redacted] was of a congenial nature.

On 7/21/64 at Leawood, Kansas File # KC 92-326 - 232  
by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF : jah Date dictated 7/21/64

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/23/64

At 1:40 PM, July 21, 1964, Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF received a telephone call at the Kansas City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The person calling identified himself as JOE GURERA, and initiated the conversation by saying he is fed up with this \_\_\_\_\_ (obscene) and that he did not wish to be seen and was \_\_\_\_\_ (obscene) fed up with being bothered at his home or by telephone. GURERA asked if Special Agent LUECKENHOFF had a warrant for his arrest and if so, that would be the only way he would speak with him.

Special Agent LUECKENHOFF advised GURERA that he was perfectly within his rights to say he did not wish to be interviewed; however, when Special Agent LUECKENHOFF inquired of him whether he had been bothered unjustifiably, this individual stated that he just didn't want any more of this \_\_\_\_\_ (obscene). He stated that he did not want any agents interviewing him at any time and to stop bothering him at his home or elsewhere.

Special Agent LUECKENHOFF advised this individual that if the FBI had official business in which it would be necessary to contact GURERA, it would use appropriate means to get in contact with him at any time such was necessary. This individual replied that "you do that" and terminated the conversation by disconnecting the call.

On 7/21/64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # KC 92-326-233  
by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF : Jah Date dictated 7/21/64

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 7-24-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED] Leavenworth PD advised on 7-16-64 that an informant had advised him that [REDACTED] KSP # [REDACTED] a recent releasee from the KSP (CR-7-7-64) had been trying to locate JOE GURERA to give him a message. [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] who is a burglary but who was last sentenced for Grand Larceny.

[REDACTED] on 7-23-64 advised that he had not observed GURERA in Leavenworth since the closing of the Nino Pizzeria at 1201 Broadway.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) advised confidentially on 7-22-64 that he has [REDACTED] and that GURERA still comes to Leavenworth every day or two to check on the laundry. He added that he does not know the reason for GURERA closing the Nino Pizzeria but that this occurred with little notice. He stated that the report that GURERA had turned the automatic laundry over to someone else to be operated is not correct but that he has the place up for lease. [REDACTED] advised he does not get along with GURERA, that he is a "cold blooded" appearing person, and that it is known that he carries some type of revolver or pistol.

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[REDACTED] Klotz Agency, 211-South Fourth Street 7-23-64 advised that they have the automatic laundry and Nino's Pizzeria owned by JOE GURERA, for lease but to date they have not signed the agreement for exclusive handling. [REDACTED] advised that GURERA indicated that the reason for his wanting to lease these places was on his doctors instruction following a heart attack. He stated that GURERA first ask for \$600 per month on Nino's Pizzeria claiming that he grossed \$1,800 to \$2,000 per week since it was opened and that he wanted \$500 per month on the laundry. [REDACTED] stated he has now indicated that he will take a \$800 per month lease on both places. He stated GURERA further wants payment on the lease for six months in advance.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]  
FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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DATE: 7-22-64

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INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THIS INFORMANT.

Information contained in this memorandum, which is deemed pertinent has been disseminated either orally or by Routing Slip to Agents having substantive case files at the time information was first received.

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[REDACTED] was seen by informant at the Pancake Patio on this date and stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was visiting with [REDACTED] whom he has previously furnished information and who is engaged in the business of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] returned to Kansas City on the prior date. CI stated that CARL DE LUNA was at the Pancake Patio at 2:30 p.m. on the prior Saturday with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was not driving his own automobile, but was driving 1958 2-door white Chevrolet. CI does not know to whom this car belongs. (This automobile is [REDACTED] second car)

[REDACTED] is driving a 4-door 1962 Pontiac Bonneville. CI stated that [REDACTED] had apparently recently been in an accident since the chrome was missing on the right

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1 - 92-180 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)  
1 - 92-254 [REDACTED]  
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side. CI stated that in relation to [redacted] (LNU) whom he has previously described, to his knowledge [redacted] is employed as a [redacted] and considers himself quite a ladies' man. He frequently wears western type hats and CI will endeavor to obtain this individual's identity. On the prior date [redacted] visited the Pancake Patio.

CI stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE visited [redacted] at [redacted] place of business on the prior date. The two had a discussion, however, went out into the parking lot and the discussion could not be overheard. It is CI's opinion that there is "something between" BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA and [redacted]

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CI advised that on the prior night he observed JOSEPH GURERA, [redacted] with two unidentified individuals at the Pancake Patio. He stated that these individuals were unknown to him nor did he identify them as local persons. He describes these individuals as follows:

1. White, male, age 40-42, 5'6"-5'7", 200 pounds, reddish hair, light complexion, prominent nose.
2. White, male, age 40, weight 200 pounds, 5'6"-5'7", black hair, parted on one side.

He stated that these individuals visited at the Patio from about 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. and were well dressed wearing suits. BUSTER BALESTRERE came in shortly after these individuals left looking for them.

[redacted] visited the Pancake Patio on the prior date.

CI stated that [redacted] was well satisfied with the fine he received in Jackson County Court as a result of a prior altercation. He was somewhat disappointed that the other individuals with whom he had the fight were only fined [redacted]



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[redacted] United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on 7/19/64, furnished SA [redacted] the enclosed letter and photograph of [redacted] received at this institution in Certified letter #986681, addressed to FRANK LIVORSI (inmate #75738), Leavenworth Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas from [redacted] postmarked at [redacted] 7/10/64. As [redacted] is not on this inmate's authorized correspondence list, it was not delivered to him nor is he being advised of its receipt.

This letter, which is self explanatory, indicates that [redacted] does not know LIVORSI, but does know his [redacted]. He refers to the enclosed photograph as that of [redacted] taken 6/10/64 when she was beaten [redacted] and comments that he, [redacted] was also beaten by [redacted] on 4/23/64. He explains that in 1964 he had made personal loans totaling \$8,000.00 to [redacted] to put [redacted] or whatever first name the son of Mrs. [redacted] chooses to use", in opening a [redacted] at [redacted] in the [redacted]. He comments in the letter "These same people have ordered me murdered, etc," and later further comments that

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when he was beaten by [redacted] on 4/25/64 the latter threatened that if he went to the Police he was going to give someone \$10,000.00 to have him killed. He also commented that the latest threat was "You won't see your next birthday, don't forget it."

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[redacted] SP,  
Leavenworth, Kansas, displayed the file of FRANK LIVORSI # 75739, FBI# 792029, sentenced 3/11/55 in USDC, New York to 15 years for IRA violations. Co-defendants were [redacted]

[redacted] His wife was listed as Mrs. DORA LIVORSI, 15 Fulton Ave., Atlantic Beach, Long Island, New York. A relative believed to be the daughter or sister of [redacted] THOMAS ORMENTO, the son of "Big John" JOHN ORMENTO, USP-L inmate #30143. LIVORSI's file contains the notation that [redacted] are married to notorious criminals. He is presently assigned to the boiler room at the USP-L Honor Farm.

[redacted] also displayed the file of JOHN ORMENTO #80143, FBI# 1321383, sentenced 6/20/62 to 60 days for Contempt of Court and on 7/10/62 to 40 years Consecutive for a Narcotic violation, both in USDC, New York. He had been assigned to the hospital of the USP-L until 5/12/64, but is presently assigned in the food service.

The visiting record of LIVORSI reflects that he had a visit at the USP-L Honor Farm on July 7 and 8, 1964 from THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-18, 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York. [redacted]

[redacted] USP-L Honor Farm on 7/17/64, advised that on each occasion THOMAS ORMENTO was accompanied by an Italian in an automobile bearing Johnson County, Kansas license who was recognized by one of the other officers as JOSEPH FRANK GURERA. GURERA resides in Johnson County, Kansas, operated an automatic laundry and restaurant within a few blocks of the USP-L until about a week ago. GURERA is a prominent Italian Hoodlum of the Kansas City area. Kansas City and Milwaukee have been interested in the activities of GURERA for some time.

PCI, [redacted] has for sometime reported that LIVORSI and VITO GENOVESE, USP inmate, who is well known to the New York Office are close friends. He has also reported that there is some connection between LIVORSI and inmate TONY MANGIARACINA, whose brother, JOHN MANGIARACINA, a prominent Kansas City Hoodlum, is a

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frequent visitor at the USP-L Honor Farm. JOHN MANGIANACINA is also a close associate of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA.

The above background data on these individuals is furnished for possible assistance in connection with any investigation or dissemination New York may wish to conduct on the basis of the information in the enclosed letter.

Kansas City, Missouri

August 18, 1964

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is the characterization of informants utilized in report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff, dated August 18, 1964, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T-4 is [redacted]  
Kansas City, Missouri.

KC T-5 is an individual who [redacted]  
[redacted] in the Leavenworth, Kansas area.

KC T-6 has frequent current contact with most members of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge concerning present and past activities on the part of these individuals. KC T-6 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at  
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## ENCLOSURES:

TO BUREAU (2)

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum  
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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Will contact [ ] and secure more details as to the membership of subject in La Cosa Nostra. Informant should be closely questioned as to the date and circumstances under which subject was admitted to this organization.

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AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

1. Will conduct credit and criminal checks concerning Mr. and Mrs. [ ] and consider interviews with these individuals.

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2. Will conduct logical investigation concerning subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The period of this report extends from 5/8/64 to 8/10/64 and includes information which had not been recorded and disseminated to subject's file prior to dictation of referenced Kansas City report. The period is also due to the fact that the agent to whom this case has been assigned was utilized extensively in the Kansas City case entitled "UNSUBS (2); FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM, OOJ", Kansas City file 72-75.

In relation to investigation at the United States Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, Mr. [ ], who is being utilized as a PCI, has previously furnished information reflecting that JOSEPH GURERA may have had contact with JOHN ORMENTO, aka JOHN ORMANDO. [ ] has advised that both ORMENTO and SALVATOR SANTORA, USP #77695, have been seen talking to both FELIX FERINA and [ ] both well known members of the Kansas City criminal organization, presently incarcerated in that institution.

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In addition, this source has for sometime reported that FRANK LIVORSI, mentioned in this report, and VETO GENOVESE, USP inmate, are close friends. There has likewise been some connection between LIVORSI and inmate ANTHONY MANGIARACINA, who is another Kansas City criminal figure presently incarcerated at Leavenworth.

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[redacted] is subject's [redacted] having married [redacted] [redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE, another Kansas City criminal figure, is married to another [redacted] Both BALESTRERE and GURERA have been identified by a Milwaukee source as being members of the La Cosa Nostra. Close attention will be afforded the association between these individuals at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, to determine if there is a connection between them in some criminal activities.

In addition, a separate communication is being forwarded to the New York Division to determine whether the individuals observed with subject on 8/2/64 might be identical with THOMAS ORMENTO, in view of ORMENTO's association with subject on both July 7, 1964, and July 8, 1964.

Mr. [redacted] Leawood, Kansas Post Office, advised SA LUECKENHOFF on 7/10/64 that he would place a stop with the carrier, who serves subject's residence, for any information reflecting subject moving from his residence 9021 Delmar. Mr. [redacted] stated that he would immediately advise this office if there is any indication subject may move from his residence.

INFORMANTS:

KC T-4 is Mr. [redacted] [redacted] who requested his identity be kept confidential.

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KC T-5 is Mr. [redacted] [redacted] who requested that his identity be kept confidential and who furnished information to SA [redacted]

KC T-6 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

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Date: 8/18/84

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Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Identity of individuals seen visiting subject's business establishments, Leavenworth, Kansas, set forth. Subject has closed the pizzeria and has listed laundry mat as rental property. Subject refused to be interviewed by Bureau Agents. [redacted] advised that pizzeria was closed due to absence of many individuals who normally attend the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The subject was observed in company of two unidentified individuals and with local attorney at Pancake Patio on separate occasions. Subject likewise seen accompanying THOMAS ORMENTO at the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, when ORMENTO visited inmate FRANK LIVORSI. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

On July 17, 1984, KC T-4 advised that JOSEPH GURERA, 9021 Delmar, entered St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri, on December 28, 1983. KC T-4 advised that GURERA remained in the hospital until December 31, 1983, and upon admission, there was a question of a possible coronary insufficiency. The names of doctors utilized by GURERA were LYLE G. WILLITS and [redacted] Professional Building, 1223 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri. KC T-4 was unable to furnish any further information concerning the degree of seriousness, if any, of subject's physical condition.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent [REDACTED]

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

[REDACTED], Leavenworth, Kansas Police Department, advised May 8, 1964, that one [REDACTED] (LNU), age late thirties, 5'9", 185 pounds, wavy hair, neat dresser, driving a 1960 Ford Station Wagon, light blue with Missouri license CC6-484 from Kansas City, accompanied by a young Italian, has been a frequent visitor at the Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 North Broadway.

[REDACTED] also advised that another group in a blue Valiant, four-door, from Kansas City has been seen at this place on several occasions.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 18, 1964, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section Records were checked for Missouri license CC6-484. This license was transferred, November 13, 1962, to a 1962 Chevrolet BelAir Station Wagon, Vehicle Identification Number 21535S236316, by PAT F. CASSARINO, 128 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri. This license was renewed in March, 1964, for instant 1962 Chevrolet Station Wagon. At this time there is no record of transfer to a 1960 Ford Station Wagon on file.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [REDACTED]

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

On July 1, 1964, Miss [REDACTED] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, located a credit record for PASQUALE F. (PAT) CASSARINO and wife ROSE, who have been on record since 1960. A report dated May 14, 1964, reflected their residence at 128 Olive, Kansas City, Missouri, formerly 309 Ord, Kansas City, Kansas, and Brentwood, Connecticut.

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CASSARINO's employment is listed as sales manager for Kenron Awning Company, 2023 McGee, Kansas City, Missouri. His wife's employment is listed as Italians Restaurant and Salvato's Restaurant. He was formerly the owner of Pat Casey's Sandwich Shop, address not given.

Six accounts have been opened by CASSARINO in the Kansas City area, and all have been paid satisfactorily.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

[redacted] Leavenworth Police Department, advised on June 8, 1964, that he had not observed JOSEPH GURERA at 1201 Broadway, the automatic laundry of JOSEPH GURERA or at [redacted] the Nino Pizzeria during the past week. He advised that he had observed a 1961 Chevrolet station wagon, light blue with Missouri license CC 6-484 on June 4, 1964, at about 3:30 PM at Nino Pizzeria.

On June 9, 1964, [redacted]

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[redacted] Leavenworth, advised that he had recently observed a 1964 light blue Cadillac Coupe, Missouri license [redacted] at JOSEPH GURERA's place of business in Leavenworth. He stated he had not observed JOE GURERA at this location for approximately one week and on inquiry it was observed that GURERA was ill and at home in his residence near Kansas City. [redacted] advised that [redacted] has returned from a visit to [redacted] and that [redacted] was observed at the Nino Pizzeria, 1201 North Broadway as late as June 6, 1964. He was advised that he would make further effort to determine the exact location of GURERA and whether or not he is actually on a drive.

On June 15, 1964, [redacted] advised that the circumstances surrounding his obtaining the above was that he was at Nino's Pizzeria on June 9, 1964, and when this car parked in front of the establishment, [redacted] made the comment that the driver of this car was a good "Jewish friend" from Kansas City. [redacted] also recalls that JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was not there on that date and [redacted] indicated that [redacted]

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[ ] advised that he cannot recall exactly when he last saw JOSEPH FRANK GURERA but that it was a day or two before June 9, 1964, that GURERA informed him he had not been feeling good and that he intended to take a month off and go the the Ozarks.

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[ ] Leavenworth Police Department, advised June 15, 1964, that he is fairly certain that he observed JOSEPH FRANK GURERA at the Nino's Pizzeria either shortly before midnight, June 11, 1964, or shortly after midnight, June 12, 1964, dressed in white as though he was working in the Nino's kitchen. He added that GURERA was out in front of the establishment picking up bits of paper in the parking area.

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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk [ ]

On June 22, 1964, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, License Section Records were checked for Missouri license [ ] This license was renewed in December, 1963, by [ ]

[ ] for a 1963 Chevrolet four-door, Vehicle Identification Number [ ] At this time, there is no transfer on instant license.

On June 22, 1964, [ ] Auto Theft and Information Bureau, Missouri State Highway Patrol, stated that she has no stolen report on Missouri license [ ]

BUSINESS INTEREST

[redacted] advised Special Agent [redacted] on July 8, 1964, that on the afternoon of this date, JOSEPH GURERA appeared at his place of business, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas, and suddenly announced that he was closing both of his business places on orders of his doctor. [redacted] advised that this appeared to be a sudden decision as [redacted] was observed making a quick attempt to obtain the restaurant supplies out of the Nino's Pizzeria, and it appeared to [redacted] he had little advance notice. [redacted] advised that GURERA was reportedly turning the laundry over to [redacted] to operate and had turned the rental of both places over to a real estate agent, identity not disclosed.

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On July 23, 1964, [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas Police Department, advised he had not observed GURERA in Leavenworth since the closing of the Nino Pizzeria at 1201 Broadway.

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KC T-5 advised on July 22, 1964, that the individual who has [redacted] in Leavenworth, Kansas, has stated that GURERA still comes to Leavenworth every day or two to check on the operation of this laundry. KC T-5 stated that the reason for subject's closing the Nino Pizzeria with little notice is unknown to KC T-5. KC T-5 stated that the report GURERA had turned the automatic laundry over to someone else to be operated is not correct but that GURERA has the location up for lease. KC T-5 stated that in KC T-5's estimation GURERA is a "cold blooded" appearing person and that it is known that GURERA carries some type of revolver or pistol.

[redacted], Klotz Agency, 211 South 4th Street, on July 23, 1964, advised Special Agent [redacted] at Leavenworth, Kansas, that they have the automatic laundry and Nino's Pizzeria, owned by JOE GURERA, for lease but to date they have not signed the agreement for exclusive handling. [redacted] advised that GURERA indicated that the reason for his wanting to lease these places was on his doctor's instruction following a heart attack. He stated that GURERA first ask for \$600.00 per month on

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Nino's Pizzeria claiming that he grossed \$1,800.00 to \$2,000.00 per week since it was opened and that he wanted \$500.00 per month on the laundry. [ ] stated he has now indicated that he will take a \$800.00 per month lease on both places. He stated GURERA further wants payment on the lease for six months in advance.

Attempts were made by SA LUECKENHOFF to locate subject at his residence on July 14, 14, and 20, 1964, and were unsuccessful.

POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH  
CRIMINAL FIGURES

KC T-6 advised on [ ] that on the prior evening KC T-6 observed JOSEPH GURERA, [ ] and two unidentified individuals at the Pancake Patio. KC T-6 stated that these individuals were unknown to him, nor did KC T-6 identify them as local persons. KC T-6 described these individuals as follows:

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1. White, male, age 40-42, 5'6"-5'7", 200 pounds, reddish hair, light complexion, prominent nose.
2. White, male, age 40, weight 200 pounds, 5'6"-5'7", black hair, parted on one side.

KC T-6 stated that these individuals visited at the Pancake Patio from about 9:30 to 11:00 p.m. and were well dressed. BUSTER BALESTRERE came in shortly after these individuals left the location and was looking for them.

[ ] has been identified as a leader of the criminal organization by various informants during recent years.

KC T-6 advised on [ ], that JOSEPH GURERA was again in the Pancake Patio on the prior evening. GURERA was with an individual whose name KC T-6 does not know but who is a lawyer who maintains offices at [ ]. According to KC T-6, this lawyer is of both [ ] and [ ] extraction and is a relative of [ ], a local gambling figure.

Records of the United States Penitentiary (USP), Leavenworth, Kansas, as reviewed by SA [ ] on July 15, 1964, reflect that one FRANK LIVORSI, USP #75738, FBI #792029, was sentenced March 11, 1955, in the United States District Court, New York, New York, to a term of fifteen years for violation of Internal Revenue laws.

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[redacted] to THOMAS ORMENTO, son of "BIG JOHN" JOHN ORMENTO, USP #30143. Records reflect JOHN ORMENTO was sentenced June 20, 1962, to sixty days for contempt of court and on July 10, 1962, to forty years, consecutive, for violation of Federal Narcotic Laws, both sentences imposed New York, New York. The visiting record of LIVORSI reflects he had a visit at the USP Honor Farm on July 7 and 8, 1964, from THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-18 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York.

[redacted] USP Honor Farm, advised SA [redacted] on July 17, 1964, that on each occasion THOMAS ORMENTO was accompanied by a person who appeared to be of Italian extraction, in an automobile bearing Johnson County, Kansas license. This person was recognized by one of the other officers at the penitentiary as JOSEPH GURERA.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Spot checks of 9021 Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas, were made by SA LUECKENHOFF on June 4, 1964; July 10, and 29, 1964, with negative results.

On July 13, 1964, SA LUECKENHOFF observed subject's Chevrolet automobile parked in the driveway of subject's residence, bearing 1964 Kansas license J/O 71789. It was noted that there were white sidewall tires on all but the right rear wheel.

On July 21, 1964, a Chevrolet Corvair was observed parked in the driveway of this residence, bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]. A check with the Missouri State Highway Patrol reflects that this license is registered to [REDACTED] has previously been identified as [REDACTED] JOSEPH GURERA.



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BUSTANIO VETO BALESTREERE, more commonly known as BUSTER BALESTREERE, was interviewed at Mr. Jim's Restaurant, 3323 Main Street. BALESTREERE was advised he did not have to make any statement, that any statements made by him could be used in a court of law, and that he had the right to consult an attorney before making any statement.

BALESTREERE advised that he is operating a restaurant-bar combination at this address specializing in the preparation of Italian-style sandwiches and short orders. He pointed out that he had personally renovated this location and the business has been picking up on an encouraging basis. He stated that as yet a kitchen has not been placed in this location and he anticipates completing such installation in the near future.

BALESTREERE stated in response to a question as to whether he will stay in Kansas City or return to Milw. Wisc that he will stay in Kansas City as long as he can make a living, however, would not hesitate leaving Kansas City if he cannot make a living at this location. He stated this location is [redacted] and both this location and Peppina's Restaurant are operated in conjunction with each other.

BALESTREERE stated that he has moved from his former address and is presently residing at 9911 Blue Ridge Extension. He stated he rarely sees his brother-in-law, JOSEPH GURERA, however, understands that GURERA suffered a heart attack some months prior to this interview. When asked how serious was GURERA's heart attack, BALESTREERE shrugged and stated GURERA was only in the hospital for a short time. He likewise advised that a brother-in-law, JOE MARCHESE, recently died and prior to his death had resided in Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

BALESTREERE was questioned in relation to the slaying of FLOYD BAIRDON HAYES and stated he had no information concerning this matter, had asked no questions concerning this slaying, and did not desire to receive any information concerning it. BALESTREERE refused to state whether he would

On 7-1-64 at Kansas City, Missouri File # 92 326  
by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SA JAMES P. GLOMER bg Date dictated 7-7-64

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furnish any information coming to his attention concern-  
ing this slaying by stating he would not allow such  
information to come to his attention.



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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

**August 18, 1964**

<b>Title</b>	<b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA</b>
<b>Character</b>	<b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City, dated August 18, 1964</b>

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>Milwaukee</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>Milwaukee</b>	DATE <b>8/18/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>7/3/64 - 8/14/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND</b>	TYPED BY <b>bs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 7/15/64, at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: 2 copies letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

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1. Maintain contact with [ ] for information on GURERA and on the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT killing.
2. Maintain liaison with WDCI to obtain information resulting from their probe in the BIERNAT killing in Kenosha.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [ ] who supplied information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY;

MI T-2 is [ ] who supplied information to SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND;

MI T-3 is [ ] who supplied information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

ADMINISTRATIVE

By airtel dated 7/10/64, the Kansas City Office advised a confidential source reported JOE GURERA on 7/9/64 made hurried plans to close his pizzeria in Leavenworth, Kansas, and had turned the matter over to a real estate agent to dispose of the location. He also made arrangements to turn over his laundromat to another individual. GURERA said he was doing this for reasons of health.

[ ] on 6/18/64 reported a conversation of FRANK BALISTRIERI of the Milwaukee outfit with several other leaders of the outfit, including [ ] in which he stated that the two boys in Kansas City still belonged to the Milwaukee outfit and that NICK, believed to be NICK CIVELIA, boss of the Kansas City outfit, ought to know what should be done with them. BALISTRIERI said he told NICK to leave them alone until he made up his mind what should be done, and BALISTRIERI said he was not going to be hurried in making his decision.

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The reference to the two boys in Kansas City is undoubtedly to JOSEPH GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND  
Date: August 18, 1964

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: WDCI has not developed any information connecting GURERA with the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT killing. No information received that JOSEPH GURERA expected to return to Milwaukee, Wisc.

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On August 11, 1964, [ ] Investigator, Wisconsin Division of Criminal Investigation, advised that no information has been developed indicating any connection of JOE GURERA with the ANTHONY J. BIERNAT killing and no progress has been made in identifying the murderers.

MI T-1 and MI T-2 on August 10, 1964, advised they have no information indicating a return of JOSEPH GURERA to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. MI T-2 believed GURERA's return is not probable because so many members of the Milwaukee outfit wanted his removal from the area.

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At Kansas City, Missouri:

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MI T-3 on [ ] observed JOE GURERA at the Pancake Patio with two unidentified individuals described as follows:

Individual #1: White, male, 40-42 years of age, 190 lbs., 5'6" to 7", reddish blond hair, light complexion, ruddy face and prominent nose;

Individual #2: White, male, 40 - 42 years of age, 200 lbs., 5'6" to 7", stocky build, black hair, straight and parted at the side.

GURERA and these individuals were at the Pancake Patio approximately an hour and a half on the evening of [ ] and shortly after they left the place BUSTER BALESTREE entered and appeared to be looking for them.

MI T-3 advised that the Pancake Patio is [ ] who is a member of the criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri.

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MI T-1 and MI T-2 advised on August 10, 1964, they could ascertain no information indicating travel to Kansas City, Missouri, of any hoodlums from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, nor could they identify any individual with the descriptions given above.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
August 18, 1964

Title     **JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

Character   **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Reference   **Report SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND  
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-262)  
FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-935) RUC  
SUBJECT: LA COSA NOSTRA, aka  
(MILWAUKEE DIVISION)  
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re rep of SA ALEXANDER P. LEGRAND 5/23/64  
at Milwaukee.

Referenced report carried lead requesting that the Kansas City Division report any move on the part of BUSTER BALESTRERE to return to Milwaukee. The Kansas City Division has current investigation concerning BALESTRERE in BALESTRERE's substantive case file, KC 92-686, Milwaukee file 92-108. In addition, a current investigation is being conducted concerning JOSEPH GURERA, KC file 92-326, Milwaukee 92-237. In both instances, Milwaukee Division is being furnished copies of investigative reports. In view of above activities of BALESTRERE and GURERA will be followed in their substantive case files and Milwaukee advised under the captions of these files.

For the information of the Milwaukee Division, a surveillance was conducted at the Kansas City, Mo. Municipal Airport on 3/1/64, and no individuals significant under the criminal intelligence program were noted on that day. This surveillance was conducted in relation to a possible criminal meeting in the Chicago, Ill. area on 3/2/64.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

DATE: 8/28/64

FROM : IC [REDACTED] -P-

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
dated 8/18/64.

On 8/21/64, Miss [REDACTED] Credit Bureau  
of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, located a  
credit record for MARCUS EDMOND SPRAGUE and [REDACTED]  
who have been on record since 1946. On a report prepared for  
Standard Oil Company dated 3/30/64, the following was listed:

His residence, Lamoni, Iowa; unemployed. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] employed as [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] same address. Former address, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] At this time five accounts  
had been opened and paid satisfactorily.

On 6/9/64, a divorce was granted in Kansas City,  
Missouri to [REDACTED] from MARCUS SPRAGUE.

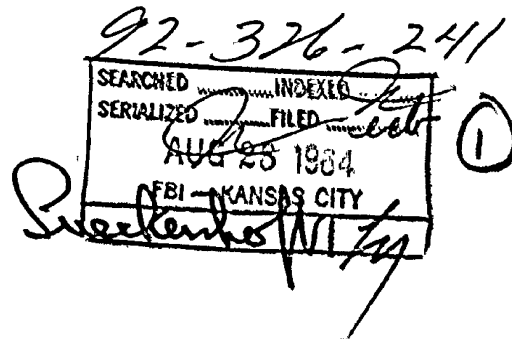
This file contained a bulletin from Derby Refining  
Company, Wichita, Kansas, dated 7/2/64, advising a bill for  
\$14.90 in MARCUS SPRAGUE's name was being placed for collection.

On 8/21/64, Miss [REDACTED] Kansas City,  
Missouri Police Department, located an arrest record for  
MARCUS EDMOND SPRAGUE described as white male, date of birth  
8/20/04, 6', 157/pounds, residence 5716 Merriam, Merriam, Kansas.  
SPRAGUE was arrested 5/21/56 for careless driving which charge  
was discharged on 6/7/56.

No record located for [REDACTED]

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SAC, NEW YORK

9/3/64

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) P

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Kansas City letter to New York, dated 7/27/64,  
entitled [redacted] AR.

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The above referenced letter reflects that THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-18, 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York, visited FRANK LIVORSI at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on July 7 and 8, 1964. LIVORSI is an inmate at this institution. Authorities at this institution recognized JOSEPH FRANK GURERA as the person who drove ORMENTO to the Penitentiary. GURERA has been described by informants as a member of the Cosa Nostra and a member of the criminal organization in Kansas City. He and his brother-in-law BUSTER BALESTRERE have spent prolonged periods of time in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area and were suspects in the murder of ANTHONY BIERNAT in the Milwaukee area.

[redacted] has advised that on [redacted] he observed two unidentified individuals with GURERA at a local establishment operated by a member of the criminal organization and that BUSTER BALESTRERE was also looking for these individuals. The two unidentified individuals with GURERA were described as follows:

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#1	Race	White
	Sex	Male
	Age	40 - 45
	Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
	Weight	200 pounds
	Hair	Reddish
	Complexion	Light
	Characteristic	Prominent nose

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    (2) - 92-326)  
    (1 - 92-696 BUSTER BALESTRERE)

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#2	Race	White
	Sex	Male
	Age	40
	Weight	200 pounds
	Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
	Hair	Black, parted on one side

The New York Division is requested to furnish a photograph of THOMAS ORMENTO as well as background information concerning ORMENTO's criminal activities, if any. It is likewise requested that the identity of persons who may have accompanied ORMENTO to Kansas City be ascertained and background information, as well as photographs, be furnished of these individuals, if available.

Due to the fact information furnished by [redacted] relates to [redacted] of ORMENTO's visit to Leavenworth, Kansas, it is believed one of the two unknown individuals might be identical with ORMENTO.

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC [REDACTED]

DATE: 9-8-64

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FROM : SA ROY L. TUSSEY [P]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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Date of Contact: 8-27-64.

## Titles &amp; File Numbers on Which Contacted:

31-New (UNSUB: VICTIMS - UNKNOWN; Prostitution  
in [REDACTED] KCMO)

92-New [REDACTED]  
92-111 (J. MANGIARACINA)  
92-112 [REDACTED]  
92-113 (FILARDO)  
92-114 [REDACTED]  
92-116 (NICK CIVELLA)  
92-123 [REDACTED]  
92-244 (WILLIE CAMMISANO)  
92-326 (JOE GURERA)  
92-880 [REDACTED]

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## Purpose &amp; Results of Contact:

Positive.

Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

Rating: Excellent.

Coverage: Same.

Personal Data: No change.

1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 31-New (Unsub: Victims - Unknown; Prostitution  
in [REDACTED] KCMO)

1 - 92-New [REDACTED]  
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1 - 92-112 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-113 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-114 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-116 [REDACTED]

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United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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Date: 9-1-64

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Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD  
BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

1 - [REDACTED] 1-92-293 [REDACTED] 11 1-92-726 [REDACTED] 11	
1 - 92-109 1-92-1140 [REDACTED] 11	1-92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA) 5.8.9
1 - 162-2 1-162-10 [REDACTED] 11	1-92-799 [REDACTED] 5
1 - 92-417 [REDACTED] 2,4,7,8	1-92-1302 [REDACTED] 6
1 - 92-722 [REDACTED] 2,4,5,8	1-92-1329 [REDACTED] 5,6
1 - 92-261 [REDACTED] 2,3,7,11	1-92-1330 [REDACTED] 5,6
1 - 92-279 (CLARENCE WADE ANDERSON) 2	1-92-1327 [REDACTED] 6
1 - 92-992 [REDACTED] 2	1-92-1028 [REDACTED] 6
1 - 92-260 [REDACTED] 2	1-92-517 [REDACTED] 6
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7-17-64

CI advised that on the evening of 7-16-64 [redacted] and CLARENCE WADE ANDERSON were eating together at [redacted] [redacted] joined them for a few moments during the course of the evening. CI stated he could not ascertain whether the conversations held by these persons had any pertinence in regard to criminal matters.

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On 7-16-64 at 2:15 p.m., [redacted] and CARL DE LUNA were together at [redacted] [redacted] stated he has heard that DE LUNA recently has been approached for [redacted] jobs [redacted]. He stated he could not ascertain the location of the proposed jobs but pointed out that DE LUNA has not engaged in this activity for a number of years.

In relation to the bombing of the Bargain City store on Troost Avenue which occurred some weeks previously, he has heard a remark made that a member of the criminal organization, whose name was not mentioned, has been putting pressure on the owners of this location. CI could find no additional information concerning this matter, but pointed out that [redacted] CARL DE LUNA, and MAX JABEN have been seen together on several occasions in the recent past. He feels that this combination would be capable of arranging such activity.

7-22-64

CI stated that [redacted] location closed early on the prior night. [redacted] were seen by CI at [redacted] the prior evening.

[redacted]

CI pointed out the only location on Broadway which seems to be having a profitable business is the old Chez Joie which has been renamed the Barbary Coast. He stated that the Red Onion is also doing a favorable business and is hurting other establishments in the area.

CI stated that he had heard that the individual [redacted] whose name is unknown to CI, has been told if he [redacted] CI did not know what the terminology of [redacted] would mean, but felt this would [redacted] might mean that he [redacted] CI stated [redacted] had only overheard this conversation and did not know if this was factual or idle gossip. In relation to [redacted] he stated that [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] visited [redacted] [redacted], in the recent past and may have seen JOE GURERA while in that community.

[redacted] was talking to [redacted] on the prior afternoon by telephone and was overheard by CI while visiting [redacted] CARL DE LUNA, [redacted] came into [redacted] together while [redacted] was talking.

CI stated that [redacted] came into [redacted] on the prior Monday. CI stated that [redacted] is still running a book and that he believes [redacted] is helping him in the operation of this book.

7-23-64

CI stated that [redacted] and [redacted] went to the [redacted] to secure some [redacted] for [redacted] and while there decided to try



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CI advised that [REDACTED] who is a former  
employed by the [REDACTED], now  
[REDACTED] is very friendly with  
[REDACTED] and would extend him courtesies.

On the prior night, [REDACTED], and  
[REDACTED] were visiting at [REDACTED]. The  
juveniles had a dance at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
was working at that time.

7-28-64

CI stated that he visited [REDACTED] on  
the prior afternoon and [REDACTED] was talking about [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on the prior day at the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was talking to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
During the conversation [REDACTED] also mentioned that he  
[REDACTED] frequently at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] as does NICK CIVELLA.

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] reportedly [redacted]  
[redacted] and was [redacted] [redacted] stated  
that [redacted] has likewise been [redacted]  
[redacted] and believes that he is [redacted]; however, [redacted]  
bases this assumption on the fact that this is [redacted]  
[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted]  
the [redacted] to [redacted] knowledge and lives in an apartment  
building at [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted]  
is [redacted] at  
this location (verified to be [redacted]). CI stated  
to [redacted] knowledge [redacted] however,  
[redacted] has had some difficulty in recent weeks with  
individuals. CI stated that [redacted] bases this conclusion on  
the fact that CARL CIVELLA was talking about [redacted] and  
made the statement [redacted].

On the prior Saturday night ANTHONY CIVELLA and  
[redacted] visited with [redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted]

7-30-64

CI advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] is visiting in  
Kansas City. He is [redacted]  
[redacted]. CI stated [redacted] does not  
know what this individual's name is or the purpose of his  
visit.

CI stated that MAX JABEN and NICK CIVELLA were  
together in [redacted] on the afternoon of  
7-27-64.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] CI pointed out he does not know whether [redacted]  
[redacted] but stated [redacted] was  
very close to NICK CIVELLA some years ago.

CI stated that [redacted]  
who operated [redacted]  
[redacted]  
is reportedly a shrewd operator. CI does not know this  
individual's name.

CI stated that [redacted] is a real close  
associate of [redacted] In relation to [redacted]  
CI stated he is a close associate with many members of the  
criminal organization and formerly [redacted] with  
[redacted] at the [redacted] It was [redacted]  
impression that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] CI has knowledge  
that [redacted] has talked to [redacted] on several occasions  
[redacted] CI stated [redacted] knows of no  
problems that [redacted] is experiencing at the present  
time and he is still [redacted]

[redacted] are presently  
operating [redacted] and on occasions  
[redacted] also helps out at this location. [redacted]  
stated the [redacted] is having a difficult time in  
[redacted]

7-31-64.

CI stated that [redacted] has the  
first name of [redacted] and had visited here seven or eight  
months prior. He reportedly [redacted]  
[redacted] was seen with [redacted]

[redacted] and was seen [redacted] the same night. CI does not know where this individual stayed while in Kansas City, but speculates he might be staying at [redacted]. This individual was described as a white male, [redacted] years of age, [redacted] lbs., [redacted] tall, [redacted] hair, [redacted] and [redacted]. The [redacted] was described as white [redacted] years of age, [redacted] build, [redacted] hair, [redacted] tall. CI stated that [redacted] ascertained [redacted] was visiting [redacted].

[redacted] has returned to Kansas City and had been [redacted]. He advised CI that he intends to [redacted].

CI stated that [redacted] saw [redacted] on the prior evening. [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] understands [redacted] has been [redacted] and has no knowledge why [redacted] would be frequenting the [redacted]. [redacted] advised that the only booking operation in that area [redacted] had been aware of was operated by one [redacted] who had a [redacted] near [redacted] on [redacted] and operated the book from this location.

[redacted] together with [redacted] and a third party visited [redacted] on the prior Wednesday and were joined by [redacted] and another unidentified individual. CI stated [redacted] did not know the purpose of this visit.

8-3-64

CI stated that things were fairly quiet and that [redacted] who has been [redacted]. [redacted] was at the [redacted] location on the prior night, [redacted] and CARL DE LUNA were visiting together at [redacted] on the same evening. CI observed CARL DE LUNA with a [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] at [redacted] at 2:30 p.m. on the prior day at which time he was driving a Pontiac.

8-6-64

CI advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] was seen talking to a [redacted] whose name is [redacted] LNU and who was driving a black Thunderbird. CI stated this individual is in the [redacted] and places a lot of [redacted] for the criminal organization.

ANTHONY CIVELLA visited [redacted] location on the prior evening and was accompanied by [redacted] whom CI did not know. [redacted] has visited with [redacted] on two or three occasions in the past three days and CI speculates that they must have a lot of [redacted]

[redacted] was seen in the [redacted] by CI on the prior date.

CI advised that [redacted] are leaving [redacted] They will first [redacted]

In relation to the recent primary election, CI pointed out that [redacted]

[redacted] owned by [redacted] CI stated [redacted] did not know of any

[redacted]  
such [redacted]  
[redacted]

CI stated that JOE GUERRA was in [redacted]  
[redacted] on the prior night. He was with a [redacted] who was  
[redacted] and has a [redacted] at [redacted]

8-9-64

CI contacted the writer on 8-9-64 and advised  
he at that time ascertained a meeting was being held at  
[redacted] which 30 to 40 people of Italian  
extraction were in attendance. CI advised he did not know  
the purpose of this meeting but would attempt to find  
out. (SA [redacted] checked out meeting and prepared memo.)

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CI stated he understands the purpose of the  
meeting which had been held on the prior day was to form  
a group composed of persons of Italian heritage and the  
members of the criminal element were desirous of bringing  
many people into this club who had no association with  
criminal matters for purposes of the club gaining wider  
acceptance. He knows that [redacted] and ANTHONY CIVELLA  
had [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] has not [redacted]  
[redacted]

8-13-64

CI stated that [redacted] had made the statement  
he was attempting to [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]

such a contact had been made. On the prior evening the only individual at [redacted] was [redacted] CI stated that in relation to the House of Tacos, all the old help had been fired and a new crew hired. The new crew is all male. He advised that a new Mexican restaurant had opened in the area and had hurt the House of Tacos business. CI stated that JOSEPH FILARDO has [redacted] [redacted] This person is also [redacted] [redacted] and operates [redacted]. He has been in [redacted] [redacted] CI stated [redacted] has seen them visiting at [redacted] and also at the [redacted] It appeared to CI these visits were of a social nature.

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CI stated that [redacted] [redacted] were at [redacted] on the prior evening.

[redacted]  
a new bar at the corner of 12th and Charlotte.

CI stated that [redacted] who is [redacted] has become quite discouraged and is considering [redacted] He feels he would not [redacted] since it is his feeling [redacted] He advised if he did not [redacted] he and [redacted] might [redacted]

CI stated that CARL DE LUNA is out of town and he has seen [redacted] on several occasions without DE LUNA.

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] a couple of weeks prior to this date had [redacted]

[redacted] sold [redacted]

CI stated that MAX JABEN was at [redacted] with [redacted] on the prior date. He has seen [redacted] frequent the same location during recent days.

In relation to the political status, CI stated that Senator JASPER BRANCATO is presently accompanying Governor JOHN DALTON on a tour of the United States. [redacted] stated he observed [redacted]

and [redacted] the old [redacted] located on [redacted] and [redacted] is [redacted] for him. [redacted]

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CI advised that [redacted] were at [redacted] the prior evening and [redacted] has returned to Kansas City.

CI stated that [redacted] had made contact with [redacted] in an endeavor to enter into a business arrangement [redacted]



[redacted]  
as to the [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted]

CI stated [redacted] has ascertained that the reason  
[redacted]

It is CI's opinion that [redacted] is near being broke.

8-18-64

CI advised that NICK CIVELLA still controls gambling activities in Kansas City. CI could not furnish specific information concerning CIVELLA's immediate subordinates but stated that CIVELLA has individuals whom he can trust and who have intimate knowledge of gambling procedures [redacted]

CI advised he does not know where CIVELLA is meeting with his subordinates but does recall that CIVELLA [redacted]  
[redacted]

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9/21/64

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LA COSA NOSTRA  
AR - CONSPIRACY

RE Milwaukee airtel to Bureau, 6/19/64, in case entitled LA COSA NOSTRA, AKA., AR - CONSPIRACY, MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

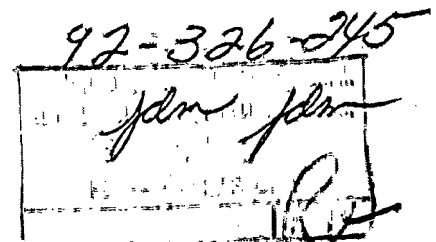
[redacted] on the evening of 6/18/64, reported a meeting of a group of the Milwaukee criminal organization.

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FRANK BALISTRIERI mentions the member (not described) who passed from California through Omaha. BALISTRIERI said Kansas City has a piece of Omaha, and that the old man in Omaha was in a pay phone to pay phone conversation with NICK (believed to be NICK CIVELLA), who had a message for FRANK BALISTRIERI regarding the two fellows he has in Kansas City. BALISTRIERI told the people he was talking to, "You know I still have two guys down there; they still belong here." It was believed undoubtedly to be referring to JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE. He said he told the old man he had not made up his mind yet as to what to do with them and leave them alone as long as they are living down there, until he makes up his mind.

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1 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)  
1 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)  
1 92-116 (NICK CIVELLA)

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of business, [redacted]

[redacted] At the outset, he was advised he did not have to make any statement, any statement made by him could be used against him in a court of law and he was advised by SA DENEEN of his right to consult an attorney before being interviewed. [redacted] stated he had worked hard all his life and was not afraid of anything and did not object to being interviewed by the FBI Agents.

[redacted] stated that he resides with his wife and family in [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that he originally worked very hard in the [redacted] business and subsequently had a [redacted] with [redacted]. He then operated the [redacted] until approximately 1957 when he [redacted]

He advised that most of his troubles with law enforcement stem from the fact that [redacted] is [redacted] and [redacted]. He viewed a Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #60656 photograph of BUSTER BALESTRERE and [redacted]. He also stated that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA [redacted]. He said GURERA is not related to him. [redacted] identified VITO BALESTRERE as a [redacted] who resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He stated VITO is a man in his early 60's, who has been ill most of his life, having tuberculosis, and lives in a rented room in [redacted] home in Milwaukee. He is very poor financially.

[redacted] stated that he was born and reared in the [redacted] having been born at [redacted] and brought up in the [redacted]

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92-326 (Gurera)  
92-447 (V. Balestrere)  
92-696 (B. Balestrere)

On 9-29-64 at Kansas City, Mo. KC File # 92-782

SA ROBERT J. DENEEN &  
SA SHEA W. AIREY

by

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Date dictated 9-30-64

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area. His father is deceased but his mother still lives in [redacted]. He said he is acquainted with virtually all of the "north end" Italians and is aware of the fact that the criminal activity of some of this group has given the Italians a bad name in Kansas City. He stated, however, that his association with these people was purely social and that he, himself, has done nothing but work hard all his life. He stated he is not in a position to furnish any information regarding the Italian criminal element and even if he could, he said he is doubtful if he would do so because he believed it to be their business and not his.

[redacted] advised that he is well acquainted with most Teamster officials, although he was not acquainted with FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES. He said he "knew the man by sight". His association with the Teamsters Union is a business association and he [redacted] each year. This has been going on since approximately 1956 or 1957 when he [redacted]

[redacted] had no information as to the identity of HAYES' killers.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [redacted]

DATE: 10/19/64

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FROM: SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
CI

CI contacted [redacted]  
10/15/64, and furnished the following:

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[redacted] during the past week, and he obtained the confidential information from [redacted] in the record office that [redacted] and it would be a year before he could again [redacted]

During a recent visit [redacted] by [redacted] and [redacted], acquaintances from KCMO. [redacted] informed CI that [redacted], a former "booster," has gone legitimate and is working, employment unknown. [redacted] is still "boosting" and hangs out at 16th and Summit, in Kansas City, Mo.

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[redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] Teamsters Local 56, recently commented to CI that he fees sure [redacted] is involved in the killing of FLOYD RAIDON HAYES, but he did not give the reasons for this.

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He was also advised that the [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] had recently passed away, and there is considerable money which they may inherit from the estate now being probated.

[redacted] in a recent visit, informed CI that in a recent conversation with [redacted] [redacted] informed him

2 [redacted]  
1 72-75 (FLOYD RAIDON HAYES)  
1 92-278 [redacted]  
1 92-326 (JOE GURERA)  
1 92-523 [redacted]  
1 92-576 [redacted]  
1 92-602 [redacted]

2 92-609 [redacted]  
1 92-1324 [redacted]  
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[redacted]  
that he was working for a [redacted] (believed to be a [redacted] and in a recent meeting in [redacted] [redacted] had contested HOFFA over some controversy involving this [redacted] CI advised that [redacted] is believed to be residing somewhere in KCMO with a [redacted] and, because of [redacted] trouble with HOFFA, this might be a good time to attempt a development of [redacted] as a source of information re Teamsters activities.

It is noted that [redacted] WM, born [redacted] KCMO PD [redacted] at one time resided [redacted]

CI reported he recently received a letter from [redacted] of the [redacted] [redacted] indicated he had recently returned from [redacted] CI stated that he knows of at least [redacted] has made to [redacted] and he is curious as to the reasons for such trips. He stated that a [redacted] individual, whose name begins with [redacted] from [redacted], who was [redacted] right-hand man, is known to have spent considerable time in [redacted] CI believes the trips of [redacted] and this individual have to do with some activity involving the [redacted]

CI advised that [redacted] is opposed by [redacted], the [redacted] at [redacted] and that a letter from [redacted] accompanied CI to [redacted] setting out [redacted] objections to [redacted] He advised that [redacted] during one of the visits to [redacted] indicated he had met JOE GURERA, and inquired if GURERA knew of anyone close to [redacted] who might exert some influence on [redacted]

GURERA reportedly informed [redacted] that he, GURERA, knew [redacted] personally, and made the comment that he "partied" with him frequently. GURERA also reportedly stated that [redacted] had traveled to Leavenworth and had eaten in his establishment there on a number of occasions. GURERA reportedly did contact [redacted] on [redacted] but to date [redacted] has not been withdrawn from [redacted]

CI advised that as a matter of interest, [redacted] has also "partied" with [redacted] for a number of years and that at one time [redacted] offered to try to [redacted] by contacting [redacted], but that this was after [redacted] and it was felt that such a contact would be of little value.

[REDACTED]

It is suggested that consideration be given at this time to the opening of a new [REDACTED] for the development of [REDACTED] ad a CI in view of the above information.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 10-16-64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

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[REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas advised this date he had accidentally run into GURERA this date in Leavenworth and GURERA asked him why he didn't drop in on him sometime in KC. [REDACTED] stated he jokingly said, "How can I, I don't know how to get hold of you." He stated GURERA then advised him that he could call him and gave [REDACTED] the telephone number in Kansas City as NI2-7629 which GURERA stated was unlisted.

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[REDACTED] also stated that GURERA also commented that he is selling insurance. He also commented that if he, [REDACTED] wanted to get hold of some [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED] in Leavenworth he could refer him to some friends in Kansas City who are are connected with some manufacturing concerns.

[REDACTED] advised that the Nino's Pizzeria has been reopened by a young man who has a wife and small child. He stated that as the license is still ~~expired~~ in the former operators name [REDACTED] the present operators name and have a [REDACTED] He advised the name of the new operator will be furnished.

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[REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas this date advised that one of [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] Nino Pizzeria just before it was closed. He stated [REDACTED] and is back at the KSP. [REDACTED] will be contacted for information of possible value.

[REDACTED] later advised that [REDACTED] (could be [REDACTED]) is the person now [REDACTED] Nino's Pizzeria for Subject. [REDACTED] is believed to be around [REDACTED] years of age.

LEAD: KCMO. Check Criminal and Credit on [REDACTED] listed above and furnish same to Agent at Leavenworth, Ks.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 10/16/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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RE SA [REDACTED] memo of 7/24/64.

Efforts made recently at Leavenworth, Kansas, to contact [REDACTED] to determine what message he had for JOE GURERA, as mentioned in re memo, has been without success.

On 10/15/64, [REDACTED] father of [REDACTED] advised that the last he knew, his son [REDACTED] was somewhere in [REDACTED] and he did not know when he would return to Leavenworth.

It is very probable that the message [REDACTED] had for JOE GURERA was one to be related from an acquaintance at KSP at the time [REDACTED] was released. There are a good many inmates at KSP from KCMO, such as: [REDACTED], "BRANCH" WAINWRIGHT, and others who are personally acquainted with JOE GURERA. It is not felt that this warrants further efforts being made to locate and interview [REDACTED]

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Date 9/23/64

Mr. HARRY VOLKUWITZ, 4432 Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, was interviewed in the Kansas City office of the FBI.

Mr. VOLKUWITZ was advised that he did not have to furnish information; that he had the right to consult an attorney prior to furnishing any information. It was pointed out to Mr. VOLKUWITZ that the interviewing Agent was aware that he, Mr. VOLKUWITZ, has been contacted by another Special Agent of the FBI in the recent past concerning another matter in which Mr. VOLKUWITZ is involved, and that this matter had no relationship to that investigation whatsoever.

Mr. VOLKUWITZ stated that he formerly was employed by the Kenron Corporation, which is engaged in the manufacture and distribution of storm windows and similar material. In his capacity as salesman with this firm, he had occasion to work in the Leavenworth, Kansas, area and recalls stopping at Nino's Pizzeria on several occasions for purposes of having coffee. He was introduced to the individual who owned this location and recalls his name as being JOSEPH GURERA. He likewise recalls meeting [redacted] who was associated with the Pizzeria. He pointed out that during a recent visit to Leavenworth, Kansas, he noted this location was closed.

Mr. VOLKUWITZ stated that he has had no association with GURERA, other than having met him at this location; and although he, VOLKUWITZ, was reared in the Kansas City area, he has had no association with persons who are recognized as criminal figures and are of Italian descent.

He pointed out that he was reared in a predominantly Italian neighborhood, but had never associated with persons of this ethnic background on a social basis. He stated that the only individual with whom he is acquainted who would know GURERA would be the Assistant Manager of the Kenron Corporation, whose first name is unknown, but whose last name is CASSARINO and who resides in the 200 block of Olive. CASSARINO is of

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by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF :LP Date dictated 9/21/64

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Italian descent and originally came from Connecticut several years ago. He described CASSARINO as being a good family man who would have no criminal background and who is married to a person of Italian descent who originally came from Kansas City. CASSARINO reportedly drives a leased station wagon. He operated several restaurants in the Connecticut area; however, to Mr. VOLKUWITZ's understanding, was subject to a bankruptcy proceeding prior to his coming to Kansas City.

VOLKUWITZ stated that he is a Minister of the Rosicrucians Chapter in Kansas City. He stated that he considers himself unemployed, however has been associated with the O & I Industries in the selling of electric signs. This firm [redacted] for a number of years, was engaged in the grocery business in the Kansas City area. He further pointed out that he is in the process of securing a divorce from his wife and had been married to this woman for approximately 25 years. He has two children: one married; and one presently in college.

Kansas City, Missouri

October 22, 1964

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

The following is the characterization of the informant utilized in the report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff, dated October 22, 1964, at Kansas City, captioned as above:

KC T7 has associated with the Kansas City, Missouri, Italian Hoodlum Element all of his adult life. He is unwilling to testify in any judicial proceeding.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>pmh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at Kansas City dated 8/18/64;  
 Kansas City letter to New York 9/3/64 (Interoffice);  
 Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee 8/21/64 (Interoffice);  
 Report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND at Milwaukee dated 8/18/64.

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## ENCLOSURES:

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Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum  
 reflecting the characterization of informants utilized in this  
 report.

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**LEADS**

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**AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN**

Will recontact [ ] and secure more details as to the membership of subject in La Cosa Nostra. Informant should be closely questioned as to [ ]

**KANSAS CITY**

**AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

Will conduct logical investigation concerning subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Referenced Kansas City letter to New York requested that division to determine whether individuals observed with subject on 8/2/64 might be identical with THOMAS ORMENTO.

The following investigation was furnished by the Milwaukee Office in Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau dated 10/14/64, in the case entitled [ ] TECIP:

On 10/14/64, [ ] advised that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, boss of the Milwaukee family of La Cosa Nostra (LCN) [ ] within the past week. Informant said BALISTRIERI was [ ] and [ ] to see JOSEPH GURERA, as the [ ] after newspapers published information that witnesses at John Doe proceedings, Kenosha, Wisconsin, had been questioned about BALISTRIERI. Informant said he thinks BALISTRIERI is worried about the John Doe proceedings, which are looking into the murder of ANTHONY BIERMAT as well as other crimes. It will be recalled that BIERMAT, a juke-box operator, was murdered in January 1963 after being approached by GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO to sell his business.

**INFORMANT:**

KC T7 is [ ] who furnished information to SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

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## Report of:

GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
Date: 10/22/64

## Office:

KANSAS CITY

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## Bureau File No.:

92-4890

## Title:

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

## Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

Subject is presently selling insurance for the Frank Agrusa Insurance Agency, Kansas City, Missouri. Informant advises that subject, while in "plastered" condition, stated that Kansas City is not the same town it was years ago when GURERA was a "big man" and had lots of money and women. GURERA stated that the "bakery" [redacted] JOSEPH FILARDO) has okayed a change in leadership and that NICK CIVELLA is "on his way out." Automobile observed in vicinity of Nino's Pizzeria has been identified as having been utilized by HARRY VOLKOWITZ, a Kansas City salesman. [redacted] advises subject is not a relative, however, is [redacted]

CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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## DETAILS:

## CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION:

KC T7 advised on August 27, 1964, that JOSEPH GURERA was currently selling insurance for the Frank Agrusa Agency, Kansas City, Missouri. KC T7 also furnished information reflecting that GURERA and another individual had stopped in a local tavern in Kansas City, Missouri, where they remained for approximately three and one half hours; and during this period, GURERA became "plastered."

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KC T7 stated that GURERA, in his "plastered" condition, mentioned that Kansas City was not the same town it was years ago when GURERA was a "big man" and had lots of money and women. GURERA stated that "there will be some changes made in Kansas City in the next few months." He confided that the "bakery" has okayed a change in leadership, and that NICK CIVELLA is "on his way out." GURERA stated that there have been many complaints made to the "bakery" concerning CIVELLA's handling of the "outfit" in Kansas City. GURERA did not indicate how these changes were to be accomplished or who would become the leader in the event CIVELLA is replaced.

KC T7 pointed out that it was KC T7's assumption that GURERA meant JOSEPH FILARDO [redacted] when he mentioned the "bakery."

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KC T7 further stated that he observed JOHNNY MANGIARACINA, owner of Giovanni's Steak House, meet with WILLIE CUMMINGS and [redacted] on the afternoon of [redacted] at the Steak House location. KC T7 was informed by an individual who was also acquainted with these persons that these three men had been getting together quite frequently during the past few weeks prior to this time.

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NICHOLAS CIVELLA has previously been identified by informants as the active leader of the criminal organization in Kansas City, Missouri; and JOSEPH FILARDO [redacted] [redacted] have been described as leaders who have authority over CIVELLA, however, do not come to the public attention.

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JOHNNY MANGIARACINA, WILLIE CUMMINGS, whose true name is WILLIAM CAMMISANO, and [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] have also been described by various informants in the past as members of the criminal organization. These individuals have all been described as being persons who some years ago were leaders of the criminal organization, however, following Federal convictions during the early 1950s, lost much of their power within the criminal organization.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

It has previously been reported that a 1963 Cadillac automobile bearing Missouri license [redacted] had been seen in the vicinity of Mine's Pizzeria, Leavenworth, Kansas.



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The following investigation was conducted by  
Investigative Clerk [redacted]

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On August 21, 1964, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, located a credit record for MARCUS EDMOND SPRAGUE and [redacted] who have been on record since 1946. On a report prepared for Standard Oil Company dated March 30, 1964, the following was listed:

His residence, Lamoni, Iowa: unemployed. [redacted] employed as [redacted], same address. Former address, [redacted]. At this time five accounts had been opened and paid satisfactorily.

On June 9, 1964, a divorce was granted in Kansas City, Missouri, to [redacted] from MARCUS SPRAGUE.

This file contained a bulletin from Derby Refining Company, Wichita, Kansas, dated July 2, 1964, advising a bill for \$14.90 in MARCUS SPRAGUE's name was being placed for collection.

On August 21, 1964, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, located an arrest record for MARCUS EDMOND SPRAGUE described as a white male, date of birth August 30, 1904, six feet tall, 157 pounds, residence 5716 Merriam, Merriam, Kansas. SPRAGUE was arrested May 21, 1956, for careless driving which charge was discharged on June 7, 1956.

No record located for [redacted]

On September 11, 1964, Special Agent (SA) GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF conducted an investigation at [redacted]. It was determined that the [redacted] had moved to a new location at [redacted].

On September 15, 1964, [redacted] advised SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF that her residence is [redacted].

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[redacted] stated that she is the owner of a 1964 blue Cadillac automobile which bears Missouri license [redacted]. She stated that she has never visited Leavenworth, Kansas, in this automobile, [redacted].

[redacted] HARRY VOLKOWITZ, who is a traveling salesman. She stated that during the spring and summer of 1964, he was employed by the Kenron Company, which company manufactured storm doors and windows. She stated that he is presently out of town, and she would have him contact the FBI immediately upon his return to Kansas City.



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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Kansas City, Missouri**

**October 22, 1964**

**Title           JOSEPH FRANK GUBERA**

**Character       ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Reference       Report of Special Agent  
                  GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF at  
                  Kansas City, dated August 22,  
                  1964.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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# Memorandum

TO : (92-326) P

DATE: 10/22/64

FROM : SA JAMES F. GLONEK

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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At about 12:30 P.M. on 10/9/64, the writer observed GURERA walking ~~east~~ on Ninth Street, turning the corner south on the east side of Grand. It appeared that he probably entered the Temple Building, although he was not actually seen entering the building. At this time, it was noted that elevators were stopped on the Eight and Twelfth floors in the Temple Building.

At about 3:30 P.M., GURERA was observed walking east on Ninth Street with an unknown person described as a white male American, age - about forty, height - 5'11", weight - 200 pounds, dark hair, wearing dark shell-rimmed glasses, and carrying a brief case. These individuals were observed to proceed south on McGee where they waited for GURERA's car in the garage immediately south of the Midwest Bar. GURERA and this individual were proceeding north on McGee in GURERA's car, bearing Kansas license J071788.

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**Kansas City, Missouri**

**October 20, 1964**

**JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

The following reports have been prepared concerning the activities of Joseph Frank Gurera. These reports contain all pertinent information concerning this individual.

Kansas City report of Special Agent Leo V. Ewing, dated December 15, 1961.

Milwaukee reports of Special Agent John A. Holtzman, dated June 5, 1963; September 20, 1963; December 9, 1963, and July 15, 1964.

Milwaukee report of Special Agent Alexander P. LeGrand, dated August 18, 1964.

Kansas City reports of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff, dated November 29, 1963; January 27, 1964; May 19, 1964; August 18, 1964.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

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SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) P

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Bureau airtel to Kansas City, 9/23/64, in case  
entitled "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, KANSAS CITY DIVISION",  
Bufile 62-9-23.

Enclosed herewith are the original and three copies  
of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning  
prior reports on subject. Two copies of the letterhead  
memorandum are being made available to the Department  
Attorney , Kansas City, Missouri.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326) P

DATE: 11/2/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 10/27/64, furnished  
the following information:

[REDACTED] advised that as previously reported  
JOE GURERA has been contacting him to interest him in some  
type of a business venture in the Leavenworth area, but to  
date, he has not indicated that he was interested in such a  
matter.

[REDACTED] stated that during the past few  
days GURERA has contacted him telephonically on several  
occasions trying to interest him in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the Leavenworth area. He explained  
that GURERA has requested that he come to Kansas City some-  
time next week to [REDACTED] to  
discuss this matter further. He stated GURERA indicated  
that he, [REDACTED] would be [REDACTED]  
in Leavenworth and that he was the logical person for this  
[REDACTED] as he being a [REDACTED] could go onto the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED]

He stated GURERA indicated that he would [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for the first few months, and after the  
[REDACTED] he would then [REDACTED]

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GURERA reportedly explained that this company does not have a license for the State of Kansas, but they intend to arrange such. It was further intended that [redacted]

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He explained that GURERA claimed that this company has representatives in 42 states and has been in existence since 1865. Each policy issued is of such nature that only the [redacted]

[redacted] stated that although he does not believe he would be interested in becoming involved in such a matter, particularly with GURERA, he does intend to [redacted] regarding this, and he would relay any information obtained to Agent.

[redacted] advised that he originated from [redacted] prior to [redacted] and that he [redacted] one FRANK PONTE, now of Leavenworth, Kansas, was [redacted]. He stated that PONTE is presently working as a salesman for the Perry L. Black Motor Company in Leavenworth and that he resides in Valley Falls, Kansas. [redacted] explained that PONTE is a "loud mouth" who brags of the connections he had with the hoodlum element in Chicago and that he is following the same pattern in Leavenworth.

He explained that he observed PONTE and JOE GURERA in conversation at GURERA's place of business, 1201 Broadway in Leavenworth on 10/27/64. He stated that he knows that PONTE, through his own statements, has some connection in Topeka, Kansas, where he can arrange for the licensing of key clubs. He added that PONTE had indicated to him that he receives \$125 from the person wanting to set up a key club and that approximately \$25 of this goes for the key club license, which is obtained in Topeka, that \$75 is paid to some individual in Topeka, and that he, PONTE, keeps \$25.



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[redacted] advised that he overheard part of the conversation between PONTE and GURERA on 10/27/64, and it apparently had to do with PONTE and GURERA doing personal favors for individuals such as arranging for key clubs in their particular communities. He stated that PONTE made some comment to the effect that he usually gets \$100 or \$125 for doing favors for individuals and to this GURERA made the comment that he would never go for this amount but that he usually gets from \$500 to \$1,000 in his area. [redacted] added that PONTE apparently would be the one who would arrange for the [redacted] if he [redacted] in [redacted] as suggested by GURERA.

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[redacted] displayed a business card bearing the name of JOSEPH GURERA on which appears the telephone numbers, business HA. 1-0336 and residence NI. 2-7629. He stated that he intends to call GURERA at one of these numbers next week when he [redacted] to meet the [redacted] regarding [redacted]

Records of the Credit Bureau, Leavenworth, Kansas, as furnished by [redacted] reflects that FRANK J. PONTE, [redacted] (40 years of age in 1956), in January, 1956, was listed in a partnership with an individual by the name of [redacted] in the used car business at 701 South 5th Street which was the business address assumed to be Leavenworth, Kansas. On 1/8/58, he was connected with the Perry L. Black Motor Company, 300 Pottawatomie. In February, 1962, he operated an automobile agency at Valley Falls, Kansas. In August, 1962, he was shown to be self-employed in a motor company at 1408 Spruce, Leavenworth, Kansas, but residing in Valley Falls, Kansas, at the address 114 Walnut. Previous addresses were shown as 1408 Spruce on February 24, 1949, and 403 Cherokee in August of 1959. A judgment dated 2/25/58, was on record in which one [redacted] was awarded a judgment against [redacted] and FRANK PONTE. [redacted] is a former [redacted] presently operating a [redacted] known as [redacted] It is very probable that the partnership of January, 1956, of PONTE and [redacted] in the used car business was one in which he was involved with [redacted]

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The credit records further reflect that an inquiry was made by the FBI on November 9, 1955. It is further indicated that a report was prepared by the Credit Bureau on 10/14/63, for the Ottawa Insulation Company of Ottawa, Kansas, showing PONTE was employed by the Automotive Service Center, Leavenworth, Kansas. This establishment is known to be the Scottie's Garage of Leavenworth. PONTE has a satisfactory credit rating, and an additional notation in the credit files indicates that at one time, approximately 1959, he was in a partnership with one [redacted] in the Johnson Tap Room, 401-03 Cherokee, Leavenworth, Kansas.

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On 10/28/64, [redacted], Leavenworth Police Department, advised their records reflect no arrest record for PONTE, however, he believes he does have an arrest record in Jackson County, Kansas. Records of the Leavenworth County Sheriff's Office and of the City Court were negative as to PONTE.

[redacted] REQUESTED THAT HIS INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY AS TO FRANK PONTE, BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AS HE [redacted] AND PONTE IS AWARE THAT [redacted] [redacted] AND OF HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH JOE GURERA.

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It is suggested that a new file be opened in a 92 classification as to FRANK PONTE and that the following leads be covered in such case.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

AT KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

Conduct criminal and credit check in Kansas City, Kansas, Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and credit bureau.

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS:

Maintain contact with [redacted] for additional information as to FRANK J. PONTE and obtain complete descriptive data, and photograph if available.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-326)

DATE: 11/3/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Former [REDACTED] in response to an inquiry as to any information he had regarding a [REDACTED] who reportedly is [REDACTED] Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas, furnished the following information by letter 10/29/64:

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Former CI advised that in all probability this individual is the [REDACTED] of ANTHONY JOHN CARDARELLA who is presently an inmate of the USP, Leavenworth, Kansas, having been convicted along with FELIX FERINA in connection with the attempted killing of [REDACTED] several years ago in connection with [REDACTED] having been a [REDACTED] in a [REDACTED]. He added that this [REDACTED] formerly [REDACTED] on East 12th Street in Kansas City, Missouri, with [REDACTED]. He also stated that the [REDACTED] is believed to reside in the [REDACTED] in [REDACTED].

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) P  
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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GURERA is a member of the Cosa Nostra and resides at 9021 Delmar, Overland Park, Kansas. GURERA has spent long periods in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area and moved to Kansas City on March 15, 1963.

GURERA was a close associate of the BALISTRIERE family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is a brother-in-law of BUSTER BALESTRERE, another Kansas City criminal figure, who likewise has been identified as a member of the Cosa Nostra.

[redacted] FBI [redacted] a [redacted] criminal figure, has advised that FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES was shot and killed by two Kansas City criminal figures whom he identified. He stated during an initial interview that BUSTER BALESTRERE was responsible for the shotgun being in Kansas City. However, in a subsequent interview advised that the shotgun was sent to Kansas City from Milwaukee by a member of the BALISTRIERE family.

[redacted] Greyhound Van Lines, advised that JOSEPH GURERA moved to Kansas City from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on 3/15/63. His Milwaukee address

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was 2608 East Newport. A claim was subsequently made for damage to certain items in this shipment and his claim number is 33-28 GURERA, for shipment from Milwaukee to Kansas City, Kansas. A copy of invoice of items on this shipment would be maintained in the Claims Department, Greyhound Van Lines, 57 West Grand, Chicago, Illinois.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Chicago is requested to secure a copy of invoice reflecting items carried by Greyhound Van Lines in this move for purpose of determining whether a shotgun may have been listed on this inventory.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)      DATE: 11/5/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF      P

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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~~The~~ The following investigation was conducted by the writer in order to determine whether a shotgun may have been included on an invoice of Greyhound Van Lines for the move of JOSEPH GURERA from Milwaukee to Kansas City, which occurred 3/15/63. ~~It~~ It is to be noted that a source had advised that a member of the BALISTRIERI family may have sent this weapon to Kansas City. JOSEPH GURERA is a close associate of members of that family in Milwaukee.

*Mr.* Mr. [redacted] Greyhound Van Lines, Physicians Exchange Building, advised on 11/2/64, that records reflect JOSEPH GURERA moved on 3/15/63 from 2608 East Newport, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to 9021 Delmar, Overland Park, Kansas. A claim was subsequently made for damage to certain items which was subsequently settled. The moving price was \$657.36. He stated that invoice of shipment could be obtained from the Claims Department, Greyhound Van Lines, 57 West Grand, Chicago, Illinois, under order #33-28 GURERA.

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Mr. [redacted] pointed out that he personally visited the GURERA home on three occasions and had never seen JOSEPH GURERA and had all business dealings with [redacted]. He stated that he was of the opinion that GURERA was actually in this home on several occasions; however, did not make himself available to Mr. [redacted] *Wright*

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

DATE: 11/6/64

FROM : SA [REDACTED] -P-

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Re memo of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/16/64.

Records of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, reflect that [REDACTED] # [REDACTED], FBI [REDACTED] a white male, born [REDACTED] was sentenced [REDACTED] Kansas, for a term of one to ten years for forgery second degree. On [REDACTED] he was paroled and was returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary following revocation of his parole on [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] on interview at the Kansas State Penitentiary on 11/2/64, advised that he [REDACTED] for approximately [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] at the Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas, in about July, 1964. He stated his [REDACTED] was from [REDACTED] and that he [REDACTED] JOE GURERA through the [REDACTED] in Leavenworth, Kansas. [REDACTED] advised he had very little contact with JOE GURERA, and no conversations with [REDACTED] during the time he [REDACTED] at the Nino's Pizzeria. He stated he observed no guns or burglary equipment or other tools that might be connected with criminal activities at this establishment. He explained that he never [REDACTED] Nino's Pizzeria, spending most of his time in the [REDACTED]. He stated that during the period of [REDACTED] he was [REDACTED] on two occasions when JOE GURERA informed him that they were closing temporarily for a vacation. He stated this [REDACTED] at the end of [REDACTED] when JOE GURERA informed him that they were going on a vacation, but would notify him when he was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised he was never notified to [REDACTED].

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[ ] stated that during the time he [ ] this establishment, he did not observe anyone of a suspicious nature, and that he was not acquainted with any of the customers or persons he saw talking to JOE GURERA, or others connected with the Nino's Pizzeria. /



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United States Government  
MEMORANDUM

TO: SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
CI

Date: 10-27-64

Rating: Excellent

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10-6-64

[redacted]  
[redacted] were both at this location on the prior evening. CI advised that [redacted] also continues to visit this location [redacted]

[redacted] has been successful in increasing the number of patrons at [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] [redacted] has been visiting this location frequently.

ANTHONY CIVELLA is in the process of purchasing a new Pontiac automobile at Miller Pontiac.

CI stated that [redacted] was attempting to locate [redacted] on the prior night.

10-9-64

CI was contacted in regard to the following matters and had no information concerning same: KC files 7-1010; 87-17743; 87-17667; 87-17653; 87-17645.

10-12-64

CI advised that [redacted] had overlooked mentioning that on the prior Tuesday night, which was October 6, 1964, [redacted] and [redacted] came into [redacted] [redacted] They were accompanied by [redacted] whose name CI does not know, but whom [redacted] has mentioned before [redacted]

CLARENCE WADE ANDERSON also came in to [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] CARL CIVELLA and [redacted] also visited [redacted]  
[redacted] on the night of October 10, however, to CI's know-  
ledge, did not meet anyone.

CI stated that [redacted], mentioned several times  
by [redacted] in the recent past, was visiting with [redacted]  
on the prior evening. CI stated that these two individuals  
have been together on several occasions of recent past and

[redacted]  
CI advised that in regard to [redacted] he operates a  
[redacted]

10-13-64

CI advised that on the prior evening, [redacted] observed  
CARL DE LUNA with (FNU) [redacted] and [redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted] were also at this location.

CI stated that [redacted] is definitely re-opening  
the restaurant section at [redacted] and is currently en-  
gaged in preparing this location for opening.

CI advised that on the prior evening, [redacted]  
[redacted] and ANTHONY CIVELLA were together for a con-  
siderable period of time [redacted]

10-15-64

CI advised that [redacted] has been in the [redacted]  
area virtually every night this week and has not observed  
CARL DELUNA with the exception of on Monday and Tuesday  
nights. October 12 and 13, 1964. [redacted] stated [redacted] did observe  
[redacted] at work [redacted] on several of  
these evenings.

10-19-64

CI advised that a "low-ball" gambling game oc-  
curred in the pool hall at Fifth and Troost on the prior  
day and was attended by [redacted] CARL

[redacted]  
CIVELLA and many other individuals from that area.

[redacted]  
[redacted] but CI has been unable to obtain any pertinent or more definite information concerning this occurrence.

CI stated that [redacted] did not observe CARL DELUNA over the weekend nor did [redacted] see [redacted] around [redacted] again visited [redacted] on several occasions during the past week.

CI stated that [redacted] had no knowledge of any visitors in Kansas City from the Milwaukee area during the recent past, nor did [redacted] have any knowledge that JOSEPH GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRERE have visited that location.

CI stated that [redacted] has been observed by [redacted] on several occasions [redacted] and is frequently seen with [redacted] stated that [redacted] had worked for [redacted] a number of years ago [redacted] however, [redacted] does not know whether this friendship is of a business or social aspect.

[redacted] a bar which is being renovated on the southeast corner of Twelfth and Wyandotte. This was formerly the location of a jewelry store.  
[redacted]

10-20-64

[redacted]  
CI stated that [redacted] has seen [redacted] on several occasions during the past week and [redacted] is reportedly [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
In relation to Uncle Tom's location. [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has noticed [redacted] will never sit at any table at which he turns his back to the door. He will always sit so that he has direct observation of individuals who might be entering any location at which he is present.

10-21-64

CI stated that the following individuals were observed at [redacted] visiting with [redacted] on the prior day. [redacted]

[redacted] On the prior Saturday night, CI understands that [redacted] spent a great deal of time with [redacted] CI advised that this may be in relation to a gambling operation now being conducted [redacted] in Johnson County, Kansas. CI stated that [redacted] has been a close and continuous associate of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] has the reputation of being able [redacted] in the Kansas area. He has visited locations operated by the criminal element including after-hours clubs, on a number of occasions in the past, and is known as a heavy drinker.

CI stated that the rumor circulating among the criminal element is that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
CI stated that CARL CIVELLA was at [redacted]  
[redacted] at 5:00 P.M. this date.

10-22-64

CI stated that [redacted] observed CARL DE LUNA with [redacted]  
[redacted] at 4:00 P.M. this date. [redacted] was also with  
these two and all were in [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] was in [redacted]  
[redacted] and was with [redacted]

CI stated that the Famous Restaurant will open on  
Monday, October 26, [redacted]

[redacted] at [redacted]  
[redacted] stated that [redacted] is slowly but steadily building  
up the volume of business at this location.

CI stated that [redacted] car was seen by  
[redacted] at Fifth and Troost on this date.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>10/30/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/1 - 10/26/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND</b>	TYPED BY <b>lmp</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, Milwaukee, 8/18/64.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau: Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum characterizing informants used in this report.

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At Chicago, Illinois:

Will interview [redacted] in care of [redacted] to determine whether he made charge at Cedar Rapids, Iowa May 21, 1964 and examine his American Express credit card. (Lead set forth Los Angeles airtel to Chicago 10/23/64.)

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Kansas City, Missouri:

Will, through informants, continue coverage of subject's activities.

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

Will follow proceedings of John Dow, Kenosha, Wisconsin through [redacted] WDCI, State Attorney General's Office.

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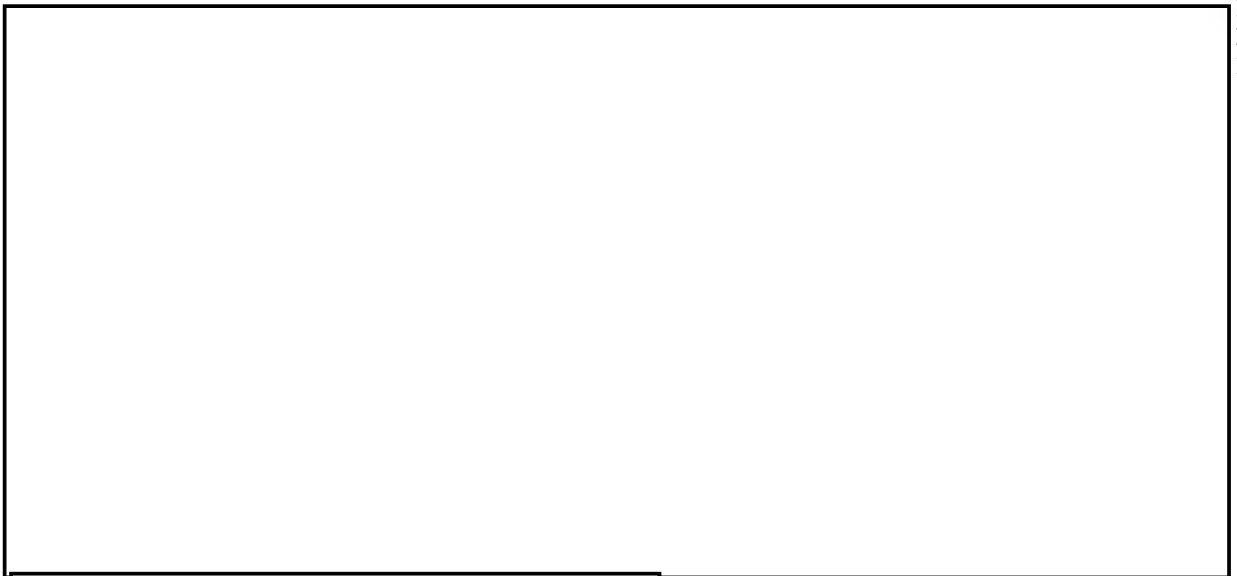
The following information, received from MI T-1 on 9/22/64, is not being included in the details of this report for fear dissemination might disclose the identity of the informant:

Informant advised that [redacted]

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[REDACTED], He said he possessed no information as to the reason for BIERNAT's murder.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [REDACTED] who supplied information to SA ALEXANDER b7D  
F. LE GRAND.

MI T-2 is [REDACTED] who supplied information to SA JOHN  
H. GASSAWAY.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - WIA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND  
Date: October 30, 1964

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 62-257

Bureau File No.: 62-1090

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI - JACKSTEERING

## Synopsis:

No indication of any imminent return of JOE GURERA to Milwaukee, Wis. from Kansas City, Mo. but FRANK MALISTRERI stated he would be returned sometime in the future. John Doe Hearing. Kansas, Wis. subpoenaed [redacted] who each were [redacted] for the purpose of [redacted]

[redacted] On 5/21/64 a credit charge was made against an American Express credit card number 022-113-766-4 issued to ANTHONY J. DIERNAT. DIERNAT's credit card has been missing since his murder 1/7/63, and investigation is being conducted to ascertain whether clerical error resulted in charge against this number.

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DETAILS:AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

MI T-1 on September 22, 1964 advised he had received no information indicating that JOSEPH GURERA would be returned to Milwaukee, Wisconsin from Kansas City, Missouri and he personally doubted whether GURERA would return because of the strong feeling against him which exists in the Milwaukee Unit.

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MI T-2 on August 17, 1964 advised that PETER BALISTRIERI had made a statement that JOE GURERA was to be back for a visit to straighten some difficulties out and that after his visit a decision would be made as to whether his return would be permanent. On October 12, 1964 FRANK BALISTRIERI is supposed to have stated that JOSEPH GURERA and BUSTER BALESTIERE will be back sometime in the future. BALISTRIERI at this time also made the remark that Kenosha, Wisconsin belongs to them and always will.

On October 2, 1964 [redacted] Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation, supplied the following information to SAC RICHARD J. BAKER and SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND:

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On [redacted] and [redacted] will appear before the John Doe hearing being conducted in Kenosha, Wisconsin where they will be

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On October 14, 1964 [redacted] advised SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND the [redacted] named above had appeared before the Grand Jury. had [redacted]

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

On September 1, 1964 Mrs. IRENE J. BIERNAT, wife of the deceased ANTHONY J. BIERNAT, reported to SA WILLIAM J.

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HIGGINS, JR. that he had just received a billing from the American Express Company postmarked New York City, August 27, 1964 which contained a charge against American Express Company credit card number 012-113-776-4 which had been issued to her husband, ANTHONY J. BIKENAT, Lakeside Music Co., 5011-7th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. This credit card has been missing since the murder of BIKENAT January 7, 1963.

Mrs. BIKENAT stated the billing to the credit card number was under the name of [redacted] in the amount of \$18.36 dated May 21, 1964 at Jack Matt's Service, Hertz Rent-A-Car, 313-Second Street, southeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, bill number 1A308816. A portion of the number 766 had originally been stamped 766 and then altered to read in total 012-113-776-4.

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September 8, 1964

Date

[redacted] Receptionist and Secretary, Jack Harts's Harts Rent-A-Car, 303 Second Street SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, advised from her records that one [redacted] no address listed, rented a vehicle from Harts at the Cedar Rapids Iowa airport on May 21, 1964 and returned this car on May 22, 1964. [redacted] exhibited driver's license number [redacted] the State of insurance not being noted in the Harts records. For this rental, [redacted] charged \$13.95 to American Express credit card number 000-113-766-4. [redacted] stated that there have been no corrections on this credit card number in the rental agreement in her files, which is dated May 21, 1964, and hours number LA300016.

[redacted] further stated that examination of her records fail to indicate that [redacted] has been a frequent customer of her company at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

On 9/1/64 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa File # 98-356  
by SA [redacted] : REP Date dictated 9/7/64

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AT NEW YORK CITY

On September 3, 1964 [redacted] Inspector's Office, American Express Company, 770 Broadway, furnished SA [redacted] the following information:

Account number 012-113-776-4 was issued June, 1960 to ANTHONY JOSEPH BIERNAT. This account, however, was cancelled by the American Express Company in 1962. BIERNAT's wife's name is IRENE and BIERNAT is listed as the owner of the Lakeside Music Company, 5011-7th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

There is no record for account number 012-113-766-4 which, according to [redacted] is obviously an incorrect number. There is, however, account number [redacted], which is an active account listed to [redacted] of Mokeny, Illinois.

Account number [redacted] is issued to [redacted] on an application dated March, 1962 containing the following data:

He is age [redacted] residence [redacted]

[redacted] On his current credit application is a notation: "This card must show office address only as I do not want strangers to see my home address while I am traveling. If this is not satisfactory, please cancel application."

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

On October 22, 1964 [redacted] Credit Department, Ryerson & Son, Inc., advised that [redacted] is now at the [redacted] of the company at [redacted] telephone number [redacted]



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **92-257**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 30, 1964**

Title	<b>JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA</b>
Character	<b>ANTI - RACKETEERING</b>
Reference	<b>Report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND dated and captioned as above.</b>

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) DATE: 11/5/64

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (92-2998) RUC

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR  
(OO:KC)

ReKClet to NY dated 9/3/64.

On 9/22/64, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City, New York, advised IC [redacted] that her files contained the following information re THOMAS ORMENTO, as contained in a report dated 3/17/59:

[redacted] resided at 5819 79th Street, Elmhurst, Queens, New York, since 1958. His employment since February 1958, is shown as a Traffic Manager, for the Smart Sue Incorporated, 1375 Broadway, New York City, and his annual salary in this employment is shown as \$6,000. He banks at the Greenwich Savings Bank, (no address given). No additional information is reflected and no derogatory information was noted in these files re THOMAS ORMENTO.

On 10/20/64, the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, New York City, were caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, and no information identifiable with THOMAS ORMENTO was located.

- ② - Kansas City (92-326) (Enc - 5) *df*
- 1 - Milwaukee (92-257) (Enc - 1) (INFO)
- 1 - New York

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On 10/8/64, SA MICEK obtained the following information from [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] New York City:

THOMAS ORMENTO, is [redacted] who is [redacted] of FRANK LIVORSI. A Dun and Bradstreet report dated 1/13/58, reflected THOMAS ORMENTO was employed as Secretary of the O & S Trucking, Incorporated, 240 West 37th Street, New York City. On 7/5/59, at the home of JOHN ORMENTO, 118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, New York, [redacted] observed a black, 1959 Chevrolet, bearing New York license number 604285SUB, registered to THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-19, 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York. On 7/2/60, and again on 8/13/61, at JOHN ORMENTO's address, [redacted] observed a black 1959 Chevrolet, bearing license number RL 3276, registered to THOMAS ORMENTO.

On 7/9/60, 7/22/61, and 7/23/61, at the home of FRANK LIVORSI, 15 Fulton Avenue, Atlantic Beach, New York, [redacted] observed THOMAS ORMENTO's car which bore license number RL 3276.

In the event any of the above information supplied by [redacted] is incorporated in a report form, the identity of the source should be protected and [redacted] may be characterized as: A Municipal Agency which conducts Criminal Intelligence Investigations, in the New York City area.

NYO indices reflected that an automobile bearing New York license number 3Q-3698 was observed at the wake of JOSEPH RAO (a New York hoodlum) at Sal Farenga's Funeral Home, East 116th Street, New York City, on the evening of 5/10/62.

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This plate was registered to THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-19, 79th Street, Queens, New York, and was issued on a 1960 blue Chevrolet Sedan. His date of birth is 4/15/37 and his employment is shown as Morris Goldman and Sons, 1359 Broadway, New York City.

NYO received information in 1957 that THOMAS ORMENTO was [redacted] in the Spring of 1950. [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. This [redacted] in Long Beach, New York, and [redacted] was held in the home of FRANK LIVORSI, at Atlantic Beach, New York. The following persons were reported present at [redacted]

THOMAS DIOGUARDI  
FRANK LIVORSI

[redacted]  
JOHN ORMENTO  
[redacted]

It is noted that THOMAS DIOGUARDI is [redacted] [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. DIOGUARDI is the subject of NYO case captioned "THOMAS DIOGUARDI, aka; AR", New York file 92-652. (Two copies of DIOGUARDI's photograph, with descriptive data contained on the reverse side, are enclosed for the Kansas City office.) *encl*

NYO indices reflected that [redacted] is an associate of THOMAS DIOGUARDI and, further, that [redacted] is [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. [redacted] is the subject of pending Newark case captioned [redacted] aka; AR", (OO:NK). Newark file 92-727, New York file 92-1434, Bureau file 92-4268. (One copy of [redacted] photograph, with descriptive data on the reverse side, is enclosed for the Kansas City office.) *encl*

NY 92-2998

The Kansas City office will note that the [ ] of JOHN ("BIG JOHN") ORMENTO, FBI number 1321383, and ANDIMO PAPPADIO are [ ] PAPPADIO is the subject of closed NYO top hoodlum case captioned "ANDIMO PAPPADIO, aka; AR", New York file 92-1443, Bureau file 92-4252. (Two copies of PAPPADIO's photograph, with descriptive data on the back side, are enclosed for the Kansas City office)

*encl*

NYO indices did not contain any main case reference for THOMAS ORMENTO. (No photograph is available of THOMAS ORMENTO.)

*encl*

From information contained in NYO indices THOMAS ORMENTO is described as follows:

Name:	THOMAS ORMENTO, aka GAETANO T. ORMENTO
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	4/15/37
Height:	5 feet 10 inches
Color of eyes:	Brown
Residence:	58-19 79th Street, Elmhurst, Queens, New York Tel. # - DE-5-1323
Former Residence:	118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, New York

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Social Security Number: 087-30-7732

Automobile: 1960 black Chevrolet  
Sedan, bearing 1964  
license number NG8458

Employment: Morris Goldman and Sons  
1359 Broadway, NYC 18, NY

Former Employment: Secretary, O & S Truck-  
ing Company, 240 West  
37th Street, NYC

Father: JOHN ORMENTO, FBI number  
1321383  
NYCPD number 158044

Wife:

The Milwaukee office is being furnished one information copy of this letter, in view of their interest in subject GURERA. One copy of re Kansas City letter is enclosed for the background information of Milwaukee.

The Kansas City office will utilize the enclosed five photographs in an effort to identify the two unknown individuals mentioned in re Kansas City letter.

SUBJECT IN POSSESSION OF FIRE ARMS. CONSIDERED  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY [REDACTED]

DATE: 11/10/64

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CI

Rating: EXCELLENT

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10/26/64

CI advised that [REDACTED] was at [REDACTED] Saturday night with [REDACTED]. He stated this is one of the few times he has ever observed [REDACTED] at this location.

CI stated that [REDACTED] had a very good crowd at the after-hours club on early Sunday AM.

In regard to the Italian restaurant operated by WILLIE CUMMINGS, CI advised that [REDACTED] is now cooking at this location. [REDACTED] had been cooking at this location, however, quit because of the amount of work involved.

CI stated that dice games are occurring in the Produce Market area, however, he does not know exactly where the location is but believes that these games are "moving". He stated that [REDACTED] whose last name he believes is [REDACTED] however, he is not certain. advised [REDACTED] the game which means that it is NICK CIVELLA's and [REDACTED] operation. In relation to [REDACTED] CI stated he [REDACTED] shops at JASPER BRANCATO's market. In relation to JASPER BRANCATO, CI pointed out that a burglary which was mentioned in the newspaper as having occurred at [REDACTED] was actually at the residence of BRANCATO. Taken in this burglary were a number of BRANCATO's suits, some furs and a diamond ring belonging to his wife.

[REDACTED]

THE ABOVE SHOULD BE TREATED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE SINCE CI WAS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT WHEN THIS WAS MENTIONED.

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] at the Famous on this date and had a tremendous business. [redacted] were cooking on the prior day and one problem encountered was the lack of a sufficient number of waitresses. [redacted] is a relative of [redacted] CI stated that in regard to [redacted] he no longer [redacted] however, is [redacted] with a [redacted] [redacted] who works at [redacted] A close friend of [redacted] is [redacted] who formerly worked as a [redacted].

According to CI, [redacted] the Can-Can and the person [redacted] is only the front for him.

CI advised that on the prior weekend, [redacted] [redacted] went to [redacted] While at [redacted] they went to a club where [redacted] ran into [redacted] and had a lengthy conversation with him. CI advised that [redacted] lives on [redacted] of the [redacted] is a [redacted] and has two children. He does not know this individual's name. He stated he does not know the identity of [redacted] however, understands that [redacted] and has a small child from her marriage. She has been known to visit the residence of [redacted]

CI stated that during the past week on [redacted] night, [redacted] 64, JOHN MANGIARACINA was visited by WILLIE CUMMINGS at Giovanni's Steak House. CI advised that he can only base the following information upon impressions gained by him through his close association with criminal figures, however, pointed out that nothing has been said to confirm his impressions. He advised that something is going on within the underworld and involves MANGIARACINA, CUMMINGS and [redacted] He is unable to determine what is happening but gains the impression that there is dissatisfaction with the leaders of the criminal organization and that there appears to be developing two cliques within the group. He stated that CARL CIVELLA has created many enemies. He has gained the impression that there is much jealousy over the financial condition of NICK CIVELLA which he feels has created a part of the dissension. CI stated he is paying close attention to this matter and if anything definite comes to his attention, he will immediately bring it to the attention of the FBI.

[redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] had mentioned [redacted]  
[redacted] had been in the Famous with [redacted]  
however, he had no confirmation of this.

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CI stated that [redacted] had  
visited a [redacted] being built by [redacted]  
This [redacted] is one of several being built  
by [redacted] located West of the [redacted]  
[redacted] is a [redacted] and has [redacted]  
[redacted] to construct these [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] was still  
operating the bar at [redacted] He is  
reportedly [redacted] directly from his  
[redacted] which includes [redacted] and  
miscellaneous items.

CI stated that [redacted] has entered a crap  
game in the Market area recently, since CI had heard that  
[redacted] mentioned he had [redacted]  
[redacted] on the prior date, and [redacted] won.

[redacted] and [redacted] have apparently  
had a falling out over the [redacted]  
[redacted] CI does not know the particulars involved in  
this matter. [redacted] has a job for his [redacted]  
friend in [redacted] located directly across  
from [redacted] and the job is being done for  
the [redacted] supposedly obtained  
this contract for [redacted]. CI advised that in relation  
to an individual known as [redacted] who might be a  
[redacted], he has observed on numerous occasions an individual  
from [redacted] visiting the Famous and [redacted].  
This individual drives a 1965 black Cadillac DeVille and  
was in the Famous Restaurant on Saturday, 10/24/64. He  
comes to Kansas City frequently, possibly as often as  
twice weekly, and is reportedly a [redacted]  
[redacted] CI has observed [redacted] in his  
automobile. CI stated this individual knows most of the  
criminal figures in Kansas City and has heard him brag  
about knowing criminal figures in [redacted] He  
described this individual as a white male, Italian  
extraction, 5' 8", 220 pounds, dark complexion, straight  
black hair, however, balding.



[REDACTED]

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CI stated that he observed on the prior day at Gino's Restaurant, ANTHONY CIVELLA, [REDACTED] the attorney, and two unidentified individuals. One of these individuals looked very much like JOE GURERA. This individual had a long scar on the back of his neck. CI overheard these individuals speaking of Chicago and believes that they may have been from that area, however, has no basis for this statement other than the conversation overheard.

CI stated that also in Gino's on this date were [REDACTED] CARL DE LUNA and [REDACTED] (LNU). These individuals were speaking together. [REDACTED] is one of the three owners of the [REDACTED] and owns the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was also in this location and CI stated that one of [REDACTED]' men whom he does not know was reported to have suffered a stroke.

CI stated that he had heard that on the prior day, CARL DE LUNA had mention that he was being followed by Government Agents and was "shaken up". NICK CIVELLA was reported to have stated he was being followed by the "guenin" which means Government.

CI stated that JOSEPH FILARDO was at the Roma Bakery on the prior day.

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CI stated that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are still on the "outs". [REDACTED] was dating a girl who worked at a [REDACTED] location in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Area as a secretary. She reportedly drives a 1962 or 1963 Pontiac Bonneville convertible and lives with another girl near [REDACTED] in a new apartment building which has a swimming pool.

CI observed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at the Fifth Street Drugstore at [REDACTED] this date. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were also there. [REDACTED] has recuperated from the [REDACTED] he suffered from days prior. CI was unable to determine the location where [REDACTED] had his accident.

[redacted]

CARL CIVELLA and [redacted] were at the Famous on the prior night. [redacted] visited [redacted] at [redacted] location where there was a big crowd.

CARL CIVELLA has been bragging about the fact that [redacted] and [redacted] are going to [redacted] a [redacted] in the immediate future for [redacted] purposes which [redacted] paid for by [redacted] ANTHONY CIVELLA, [redacted] and [redacted] were at the Pizzeria #1 at 2:30 AM this date.

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CI advised that there was a big crowd at Uncle Tom's Sunday. This crowd consisted of 25 to 30 kids who attended a youth function.

[redacted] mentioned by CI on several occasions was again visiting with [redacted] seems to be unhappy for some reason, however, CI does not know the reason.

CI stated that [redacted] had mentioned that his [redacted] business has jumped greatly. He brags that he sells [redacted]

CI stated that SIMONE is dealing in legitimate items such as [redacted] and brags that he is [redacted] CI stated that of course [redacted] would own this business since [redacted] still [redacted]

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CI stated that [redacted] still works at [redacted] and lives at [redacted] CI stated the following should be kept extremely confidential since he is the only person who is aware of this.

[redacted]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In relation to the friction within the criminal organization, CI stated that it appears that [REDACTED] JOHN MANGIARACINA and WILLIE CUMMINGS are forming a clique of their own. In between this group and the CIVELLAS would probably be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He stated that there is friction existing, however, he is still not able to determine the reason behind this.

CI advised that he observed [REDACTED] and his girl friend [REDACTED] at Eddy's Restaurant on the prior Monday. [REDACTED] have again made up.

[REDACTED] and his girl friend were also eating there and he observed [REDACTED] leave the table and go with one of the [REDACTED] whom he believes is [REDACTED] to an office. He described this particular [REDACTED] as the one with [REDACTED]. CI stated that it is his opinion such a conference would involve gambling matters.

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CI is not acquainted with [REDACTED] (LNU) who may have left Kansas City for Las Vegas.

[REDACTED]

CI stated that JAKE MAROON is still hanging around the pool hall at Fifth and Gillis.

CI stated that the Famous Restaurant and bar are doing very well, however, [REDACTED] was unhappy on the prior night. It is his opinion that [REDACTED] is having differences with [REDACTED] and this may contribute to the unhappiness. CI observed [REDACTED], Senator BRANCATO and others on the prior night. They were very happy about the election returns in view of the fact that Senator BRANCATO got approximately 90 percent of the votes cast in his district. Prior to the election, CI heard BRANCATO's opponent was "with them anyhow". CI stated that on election day at Senator BRANCATO's headquarters, [REDACTED] from the Teamsters, came to this location to determine whether they needed any automobiles. He stated [REDACTED] advised he had ten to twelve automobiles available.

SAC, KANSAS CITY [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
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PCI was contacted this date at the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and furnished the following information:

PCI on viewing a number of photographs including that of JOE GURERA, operator of Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas, advised that he recognized this individual, but that he has had no personal contact with him and has only observed him at his place of business on a few occasions.

PCI in discussing the raid by local police authorities on the Key Club known as the Tender Trap, 305 Cherokee, which is a block west of Veterans Cab. PCI stated that he is not personally acquainted with [REDACTED] but is acquainted with [REDACTED]. He stated while there has been some gambling going on in the past at most of the Key Clubs in Leavenworth, Kansas, there is little or no activity at the present time. He advised that he knows of no prostitutes working in this area at this time, primarily because there are numerous bar-girls working at the local taverns who prostitute on the side and there is little revenue for a commercial prostitute. He advised that he understands there are a number of Negro prostitutes who have frequented this area around the first of each month soliciting business with the colored military personnel from Fort Leavenworth. He advised that he would be on the alert for any such prostitutes travelling from out-of-state to Leavenworth, Kansas.

PCI advised that he is acquainted with [REDACTED] a former girlfriend of [REDACTED] a former [REDACTED] and that she is presently employed in the [REDACTED] operated by [REDACTED]

PCI advised that he is acquainted with [REDACTED]

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[redacted]

and although he understands [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted], he has definitely seen no lottery  
tickets in this area and he does not believe that [redacted]  
soliciting business in the Leavenworth area.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

October 20, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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**JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

The following reports have been prepared concerning the activities of Joseph Frank Gurera. These reports contain all pertinent information concerning this individual.

<u>Report By</u> <u>Special Agent</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Report</u>	<u>Office</u> <u>Reporting</u>
Leo V. Ewing	12-15-61	Kansas City
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John A. Holtzman	8-13-62	Milwaukee
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John A. Holtzman	3-11-64	Milwaukee
George F. Lueckenhoff	3-23-64	Kansas City
George F. Lueckenhoff	5-19-64	Kansas City
John A. Holtzman	5-18-64	Milwaukee
John A. Holtzman	7-15-64	Milwaukee
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-326) -P- DATE: 11/15/64

FROM : IC [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
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Re Memo of SA [REDACTED], 11/2/64.

On 11/9/64, Mrs. [REDACTED], Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, made available the credit record for FRANK PONTE and [REDACTED] who have been on record since 1953. A report from the Credit Bureau of Leavenworth, Kansas, dated 8/18/61, disclosed the following information:

Residence, 1708 Spruce, Leavenworth, Ks., employed as a salesman for PERRY L. BLACK Motors, 200 S. Broadway, Leavenworth, for the past five years.

This file contained the same credit information concerning PONTE in the Leavenworth area as set out in referenced memo. The only accounts opened in the Kansas City area by PONTE are as follows: All loans were obtained from the Fidelity State Bank of Kansas City, Kansas.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
12/31/56	\$ 483.00	None listed
3/25/58	1336.00	None listed
12/9/59	1077.28	C/M for 1959 York Air Conditioner

Paying habits on above loans were satisfactory.

On 11/9/64, Mrs. [REDACTED] CLERK, Records and Identification Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and Mr. [REDACTED] Jackson County Sheriff's Office, both advised that the files of their respective departments failed to disclose an arrest record identifiable with either FRANK or [REDACTED] PONTE.

On 11/10/64, Mrs. [REDACTED], Clerk, Kansas City, Kansas PD, and Sheriff HARRY HIGGINS, Wyandotte County SO, both advised they were unable to locate an arrest record for PONTE or [REDACTED].



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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

KC T-6 has current frequent contact with most of the criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge regarding present and past activities of these individuals. T-6 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

KC T-7 is an individual who has had continuous association with gambling figures in gambling matters in the Kansas City area for virtually his entire life. T-7 will not appear before any judicial body.

KC T-8 for many years was in daily association and contact with members of the Italian criminal element in Kansas City. In the past, T-8 has expressed a willingness to appear before a Federal Grand Jury but will not appear in any public trial.

KC T-9 is an individual who has associated with criminal figures for many years and is [redacted]  
[redacted]

KC T-10 is an individual who is active in [redacted]  
[redacted] matters and has occasion to come in contact with subject and some of subject's associates in the Leavenworth, Kansas, area.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>12-23-64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10-9-64/12-17-64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>CCS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, 10-22-64  
 Report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND, Milwaukee, 10-30-64  
 Kansas City airtel to Chicago 11-5-64 (Interoffice)  
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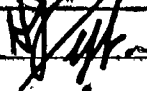






## ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU:

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum reflecting  
 characterization of informants utilized in this report.

## LEADS:

KANSAS CITY DIVISIONAt Leavenworth, Kansas

Will maintain contact with  for additional

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information as to the organization of an insurance agency in Leavenworth, Kansas.

At Kansas City, Missouri

1. Report results of investigation at Chicago, Illinois, with regard to invoice of subject's household effects at time of move.
2. Will conduct logical investigation concerning subject's activities in the Kansas City area.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

The period of this report extends from 10-9-64, which is prior to the date of referenced Kansas City report, because of investigation conducted on that date which had not been incorporated into the substantive case file at the time the previous report was prepared.

Referenced Kansas City airtel set forth a lead for the Chicago Division requesting that a copy of invoice reflecting items carried by Grayhound Van Lines in subject's move from Milwaukee to Kansas City be obtained. The purpose of this inquiry was to ascertain if this invoice would show whether or not a shotgun had been included as an item in this move. It is noted that with regard to the murder of FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES, the subject of an Obstruction of Justice investigation in the Kansas City Division entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2): FLOYD RAIRDON HAYES - VICTIM: OOJ", KC File 72-75, [redacted] a Kansas City, Missouri, criminal figure, who was arrested by the [redacted] Police Department, furnished pertinent information during September, 1964. During [redacted]

[redacted] BUSTER BALESTRERE had supplied this gun. In a reinterview, [redacted] utilized in killing HAYES [redacted]

[redacted] the BALESTRERES. In view of subject's relationship with BUSTER BALESTRERE and with the BALESTRERE family of Milwaukee, the above-mentioned lead was set out.

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In Kansas City report dated 8-18-64, information was set forth that KC T-6 on 7-3-64 had observed JOSEPH GURERA, THOMAS SIMONE and two unidentified individuals at the Pancake Patio. In this regard, a lead was set out for the New York Division to furnish photographs and background information concerning THOMAS ORMENTO to determine if he may have been one of the individuals observed with the subject. The New York Division on 11-5-64 furnished the following information:

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On 9-22-64, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater New York, New York City, New York, advised IC [redacted] that her files contained the following information regarding THOMAS ORMENTO in a report dated 3-17-59:

ORMENTO'S [redacted] and they have resided at 58-19 79th Street, Elmhurst, Queens, New York, since 1958. His employment since February, 1958, is shown as a Traffic Manager for the Smart Sue Company, Inc., 1375 Broadway, New York City, and his annual salary in this employment is shown as \$6,000. He banks at the Greenwich Savings Bank (no address given). No additional information is reflected and no derogatory information was noted in these files pertaining to THOMAS ORMENTO.

On 10-20-64, the files of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, New York City, were caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK but no information identifiable with THOMAS ORMENTO was located.

On 10-8-64, SA MICEK obtained the following information from [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted]

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THOMAS ORMENTO is [redacted] who is [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. A Dun & Bradstreet report dated 1-13-58 reflected THOMAS ORMENTO was employed as Secretary of the O & S Trucking, Inc., 240 West 37th Street, New York City. On 7-5-59, at the home of JOHN ORMENTO, 118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, New York, [redacted] observed a black 1959 Chevrolet, bearing New York license

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#604285SUB, registered to THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-19 79th Street, Elmhurst, New York. On 7-2-60 and again on 8-13-61, at JOHN ORMENTO'S address, [ ] observed a black 1959 Chevrolet bearing license #RL3276, registered to THOMAS ORMENTO.

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On 7-9-60, 7-22-61 and 7-23-61, at the home of FRANK LIVORSI, 15 Fulton Avenue, Atlantic Beach, New York, [ ] observed THOMAS ORMENTO'S car which bore license #RL3276.

In the event any of the above information supplied by [ ] is incorporated in a report form, the identity of the source should be protected and [ ] may be characterized as: A Municipal Agency which conducts Criminal Intelligence Investigations in the New York City area.

Indices of the New York Division reflected that an automobile bearing New York license #3Q-3698 was observed at the wake for JOSEPH RAO (a New York hoodlum) at Sal Farenga's Funeral Home on East 116th Street, New York City, on the evening of 5-10-62.

The above plate was registered to THOMAS ORMENTO, 58-19 79th Street, Queens, New York, and was issued for a 1960 blue Chevrolet sedan. His date of birth is 4-15-37 and his employment is shown as Morris Goldman & Sons, 1359 Broadway, New York City.

The New York City Division received information in 1957 that THOMAS ORMENTO was [ ] in the spring of 1956. [ ] of FRANK LIVORSI. This [ ] at Long Beach, New York, and [ ] was held in the home of FRANK LIVORSI at Atlantic Beach, New York. The following persons were reported present at [ ]

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THOMAS DIOGUARDI

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It is noted that THOMAS DIOGUARDI is [redacted] also [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. DIOGUARDI is the subject of New York case captioned "THOMAS DIOGUARDI, aka; AR", New York File 92-652.

New York indices reflect that [redacted] is an associate of THOMAS DIOGUARDI and, further, that [redacted] is [redacted] FRANK LIVORSI. [redacted] is the subject of a pending Newark case captioned [redacted] aka; AR", OO Newark, Newark File 92-727, New York File 92-1434, Bufile 92-4268.

Kansas City Division will note that [redacted] of JOHN (BIG JOHN) ORMENTO, FBI #1321383, and ANDINO PAPPADIO are [redacted] PAPPADIO is the subject of closed New York Top Hoodlum case captioned "ANDINO PAPPADIO, aka; AR", New York File 92-1443, Bufile 92-4252.

New York indices did not contain any main case reference for THOMAS ORMENTO.

From information contained in New York indices, THOMAS ORMENTO is described as follows:

Name & Aka	THOMAS ORMENTO, aka Gaetano T. Ormento
Race	White
Sex	Male
Birth	4-15-37
Height	5'10"
Weight	(Not given)
Eyes	Brown
Hair	(Not given)
Residence	58-19 79th Street, Elmhurst, Queens, New York, Telephone DE. 5-1323
Former Residence	118 Audrey Drive, Lido Beach, New York
Social Security No.	087-30-7732
Automobile	1960 black Chevrolet sedan, bearing 1964 license #NG8458
Employment	Morris Goldman & Sons, 1359 Broadway, New York City 18, New York

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Former Employment

Secretary, O & S Trucking Co.,  
240 West 37th Street,  
New York City, New York  
JOHN ORMENTO, FBI #1321383,  
NYC PD #158044

Father

Wife

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Photographs of THOMAS ORMENTO, THOMAS DIOGUARDI,  
[redacted] and ANDIMO PAPPADIO were exhibited to  
[redacted] who was the original source of information concern-  
ing subject and individuals seen with subject, on 11-24-64  
by SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF. CI advised that these persons  
were not identical with the men observed by him in the com-  
pany of subject.

Referral/Consult

INFORMANTS:

KC T-6 is [redacted] contacted by SA GEORGE F.  
LUECKENHOFF.

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KC T-7 is [redacted] contacted by SA ROY L. TUSSEY.

KC T-8 is former [redacted], contacted by the San  
Francisco Division.

KC T-9 is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]

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KC T-10 is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] who furnished informa-  
tion to SA [REDACTED] and requested that his identity  
be concealed with regard to information attributed to KC T-10.

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Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
Date: 12-23-64

Office: Kansas City

Field Office File #: 92-326

Bureau File #: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK CURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

According to informant, subject was one of group of individuals who took over 50% of existing policy operations in Kansas City area during 1947 and was likewise a leader of the criminal organization in KC during that period. Subject reportedly used threat of force in this take-over. Subject continues to sell insurance and has [redacted] in attempt to have this person [redacted] in State of Kansas for [redacted] Nino's Pizzeria, formerly operated by subject, located at Leavenworth, Kansas, presently [redacted] younger brother of [redacted] who is [redacted]. Subject commented he received money for doing favors for persons in KC area and is reportedly friendly with [redacted], Johnson County, Kansas. Subject reportedly was to contact [redacted] Johnson County, Kansas, in an endeavor to have [redacted] to [redacted]. [redacted] Nino's Pizzeria knows of no unusual activity at that location. Subject observed on several occasions during pertinent period by informants and Bureau personnel. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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**Details:**

On November 12, 1964, KC T-7 furnished information relating to the background of the operation of policy wheels in both Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, during 1945 through 1947. KC T-7 stated that during 1945, the operation of policy wheels in both locations was carried on [redacted] who succeeded [redacted] who had operated the policy wheels during the 1930's and 1940's [redacted]. During the period 1945 to 1947, several other individuals were likewise engaged in operating policy wheels.

KC T-7 informed that in the summer of 1947, [redacted] writers and runners were being harassed, arrested and threatened by members of the Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, Police Departments who were on the payrolls of the "north end outfit".

In November, 1947, [redacted] was telephonically informed [redacted]

[redacted] T-7 claimed that TONY GIZZO, the then leader of the political organization in Kansas City, [redacted] that the "outfit" would furnish [redacted] and would "take care" of the Police Departments and politicians.

KC T-7 advised that [redacted] operated his policy wheels from 1947 to December, 1949, in partnership with this group. T-7 stated that [redacted] had advised that JOE "G" (JOE GURERA), JOHN MANGIARACINA and WILLIE CAMMISANO [redacted]

During this period, TONY GIZZO had explained to [redacted] according to information furnished by KC T-7, that JOSEPH FILARDO and [redacted] were the heads of the criminal organization; however, they were "behind the scenes" and were never actually in on the open operation of the organization. The operating level consisted of CHARLES GARCOTTA, CHARLES BINAGGIO, [redacted] and TONY GIZZO. Another group operating directly below the above-mentioned individuals were JOHN MANGIARACINA, WILLIE CAMMISANO, JOE GURERA and MAX JABEN.

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On November 17, 1964, KC T-7 advised that in relation to the take-over of policy operations by members of the criminal organization, TONY GIZZO stated in 1945 or 1946 that the "Mafia" was taking over gambling throughout the country. GIZZO stated that Kansas City was no different from any other place and that the "north end" would take over gambling in Kansas City.

T-7 stated that BUD TRALLE, who operated the biggest policy wheel in the Kansas City area during the middle 1940's, had said that WILLIE CANNISANO, JOE GURERA and JOHNNY MANGIARACINA threatened TRALLE [redacted] and "pushed them around a little bit" in order to convince them that the "north end" was taking over 50% of TRALLE'S policy wheel. TRALLE was instructed to contact the other operators and tell them they now had partners in their operations.

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On October 16, 1964, [redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] that he had accidentally run into JOSEPH GURERA on that date in Leavenworth. GURERA asked [redacted] why he did not drop in on him sometime in Kansas City. [redacted] stated he jokingly replied, "How can I, I don't know how to get hold of you..." GURERA then told him that he could call him and gave him the telephone number in Kansas City as NI. 2-7629, which GURERA said was unlisted. [redacted] also stated that GURERA commented that he was selling insurance. He also remarked that if [redacted] wanted to get hold of some [redacted] in connection with [redacted] he could refer him to some friends in Kansas City who are connected with some manufacturing concerns.

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[redacted] advised that Nino's Pizzeria (previously operated by subject) has been reopened by one [redacted] who resides on [redacted] in [redacted]. He stated that the license is still in the name of subject; however, [redacted] to [redacted] the present operator's name obtained and [redacted]

On October 29, 1964, KC T-8 informed that in all probability, [redacted] ANTHONY CARDARELLA, who is presently an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, having been convicted along with FELIX FERINA in connection with the attempted slaying of [redacted] several years ago, who had been a [redacted]

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This [redacted] formerly [redacted] on East 12th Street in Kansas City, Missouri, with [redacted] T-8 said the [redacted] is believed to reside in the [redacted]

KC T-9 advised on October 15, 1964, that JOSEPH GURERA has reportedly stated that he "personally knows the [redacted] of Johnson County, Kansas, Mr. [redacted] (phonetic). GURERA made the comment that he "partied" with [redacted] frequently. He also reportedly stated that [redacted] had traveled to Leavenworth, Kansas, and had eaten in GURERA'S establishment on a number of occasions. GURERA was to contact [redacted] on behalf of an individual who was at that time incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary in an effort to have [redacted] withdrawn.

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On October 27, 1964, [redacted] furnished the following information to SA [redacted] fur-

[redacted] stated that, as previously reported, JOE GURERA has been contacting him to interest him in some type of a business venture in the Leavenworth area but, to date, he has not indicated that he was interested in such a business.

[redacted] advised that during the previous few days, GURERA had contacted him telephonically on several occasions, trying to interest him in [redacted]

[redacted] in the Leavenworth area. He explained that GURERA has requested that [redacted] come to Kansas City sometime the next week to [redacted] and discuss the matter further. He said GURERA indicated that [redacted] would be [redacted] in Leavenworth and that he was the logical person for this [redacted] as he, being a [redacted] [redacted] could go onto the [redacted] to [redacted] [redacted] stated GURERA indicated that he would [redacted] for the first few months and after the [redacted] he would then [redacted]

GURERA reportedly explained that this company does not have a license for the State of Kansas but they intend to arrange for such a license. It was further intended that [redacted]

[redacted]. He explained that GURERA claimed this company has representatives in 42 states and has been in existence since 1865. Each policy issued is of such nature that only the more wealthy would be taking out these policies and [redacted] would [redacted]

[redacted] advised that although he does not believe he would be interested in becoming involved in such a business, particularly with GURERA, he does intend to [redacted] regarding this matter.

On October 19, 1964, KC T-6 advised that he has no knowledge of any visitors in Kansas City from the Milwaukee

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area during the recent past, nor does he have any knowledge that JOSEPH GURERA has visited that location.

KC T-10 advised during October, 1964, that JOSEPH GURERA and one FRANK PONTE, who resides at Valley Falls, Kansas, but is employed at Leavenworth, Kansas, held a conversation at GURERA'S place of business in Leavenworth, Kansas, during October, 1964. KC T-10 stated that PONTE has some connection with Topeka, Kansas, where he can arrange for the licensing of key clubs. The conversation between PONTE and GURERA had to do with PONTE and GURERA doing personal favors for individuals, such as arranging for key clubs in their particular communities. PONTE made a comment to the effect that he usually gets \$125 for doing favors for individuals and to this GURERA made the reply that he would never go for this amount and that he usually gets from \$500 to \$1,000 in his area. T-10 stated that a business card of JOSEPH GURERA bears the following telephone numbers: Business - HA. 1-0336; Residence - WI. 2-7629.

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[redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] on October 16, 1964, that [redacted] Kansas State Penitentiary [redacted] had [redacted] Nino's Pizzeria at Leavenworth, Kansas, just prior to its closing. [redacted] and, according to [redacted], is again incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on November 2, 1964:

Records of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, reflect [redacted] FBI [redacted] a white male, born [redacted] was sentenced on [redacted] in [redacted] Kansas, to a term of one to ten years for forgery-second degree. On [redacted] was paroled and was returned to the Kansas State Penitentiary following revocation of his parole on [redacted]

On interview at the Kansas State Penitentiary on November 2, 1964, [redacted] informed that he [redacted] Nino's Pizzeria, 1201 Broadway, Leavenworth, Kansas, in about July, 1964. He stated his [redacted] was from [redacted] and that he [redacted] JOE GURERA through the [redacted] in Leavenworth, Kansas. [redacted] stated he had very little contact with JOE GURERA and no conversations with [redacted] at Nino's Pizzeria.

[redacted] advised that he observed no guns or burglary equipment or other tools which might be connected with criminal activities at this establishment. He explained that he never [redacted] of Nino's Pizzeria and spent most [redacted]

He said that during the period of [redacted] he was [redacted] on two occasions when JOE GURERA informed him that they were closing temporarily for a vacation. He said this [redacted] at the end of the [redacted] when JOE GURERA told him they were going on a

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vacation but would notify him when he was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said he was never notified to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
this establishment, he did not observe anyone of a suspicious nature and he was not acquainted with any of the customers or individuals he saw talking to JOE GURERA or others connected with the Pizzeria.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA  
GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF on November 2, 1964:

Mr. [REDACTED], Greyhound  
Van Lines, Physicians Exchange Building, informed on  
November 2, 1964, that their records indicate JOSEPH GURERA  
moved on March 15, 1963, from 2608 East Newport, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin, to 9021 Delmar, Overland Park, Kansas. A claim  
was subsequently made for damage to certain items which was  
later settled. The price for the moving was \$657.36. He  
said that an invoice of shipment could be obtained from the  
Claims Department, Greyhound Van Lines, 57 West Grand,  
Chicago, Illinois, under Order #33-28 GURERA. [REDACTED]  
pointed out that he personally visited the GURERA home on  
three occasions and had never seen JOSEPH GURERA, all of his  
business dealings having been with [REDACTED]. He stated  
he was of the opinion that GURERA was actually in the home  
on several occasions but did not make himself available to  
[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by SA  
JAMES P. GLONEK:

At about 12:30PM, October 9, 1964, the writer  
observed JOSEPH FRANK GURERA walking west on 9th Street in  
Kansas City, Missouri. GURERA turned the corner south on  
the east side of Grand Avenue. It appeared that he probably  
entered the Temple Building, although he was not actually  
seen entering that building. At this time, it was noted  
that elevators were stopped on the 8th and 12th floors in  
the Temple Building. At about 3:30PM, GURERA was observed  
walking east on 9th Street with an unknown person described  
as a white male, American, about 40 years of age, 5'11",  
200 pounds, dark hair, wearing dark shell-rimmed glasses,  
and carrying a briefcase. These men were observed to proceed  
south on McGee, where they waited for GURERA'S car in the  
garage immediately south of the Midwest Bar. GURERA and  
this individual proceeded north on McGee in GURERA'S car  
bearing Kansas license #J071788.

On November 3 and 24, 1964, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
made personal observations of subject's residence at 9021  
Delmar, Johnson County, Kansas. No activity was observed  
at this residence but the name of GURERA was still on the  
mailbox.

On December 15, 1964, [REDACTED]

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of the Intelligence and Vice Units, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, informed SA LUECKENHOFF that investigators of his units have developed no pertinent or significant information concerning the subject during recent weeks.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Kansas City, Missouri  
December 23, 1964**

<b>Title</b>	<b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA</b>
<b>Character</b>	<b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Report of Special Agent GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, Kansas City, dated 12-23-64</b>

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC [REDACTED]

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SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

[REDACTED]  
CI

Contact Date: 11/24/64

CI observed a photograph of [REDACTED] and advised that this is the individual whom CI had previously referred to as having visited [REDACTED] location on a number of occasions. CI stated that [REDACTED] has been quite active as a [REDACTED] and also understands that [REDACTED] has been engaged in the selling of [REDACTED] and possibly narcotics. (Above information has been previously known concerning [REDACTED] and no dissemination necessary).

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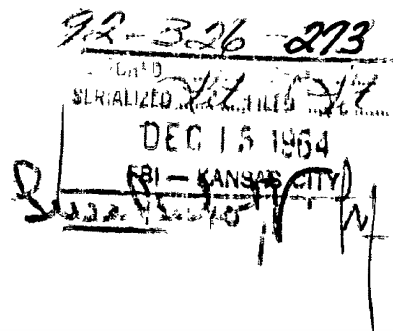
CI observed a photograph of [REDACTED] and stated that this is the individual by the name of [REDACTED] who has visited CHUCKY MORGAN. CI explained that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] somewhere in [REDACTED] and is reportedly a [REDACTED] CI stated that this individual has visited Kansas City prior to the summer of 1964, and he also understands MORGAN has visited this individual [REDACTED]

CI observed photographs of ANDIMO PAPPADIO, THOMAS DI GUARDI and [REDACTED] and stated that none of these individuals are identical with the persons observed by him with JOSEPH GURERA in Cino's. The occurrence referred to is in relation to CI previously observing two unidentified individuals with JOSEPH GURERA at Cino's Restaurant and BUSTER BALESTRERE was attempting to locate these persons.

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-254 [REDACTED]
- 1 - 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)
- 1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE)
- 1 - 92-114 [REDACTED]

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
CI

DATE: 12/16/64

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Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD  
BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM WHICH  
WAS DEEMED PERTINENT HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED EITHER ORALLY  
OR BY ROUTING SLIP TO AGENTS HAVING SUBSTANTIVE CASE  
FILES AT THE TIME INFORMATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appear to be

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1 - [REDACTED]  
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1 - 92-254 [REDACTED] 1,2,4  
1 - 92-180 [REDACTED] 1,2,3  
1 - 92-986 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-258 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-758 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-417 (THOMAS FONTANELLA) 2  
1 - 92-722 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-261 [REDACTED] 2,3  
1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA) 2  
1 - 92-830 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-835 [REDACTED] 2,3  
1 - 92-992 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-1281 [REDACTED] 3  
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1 - 92-303 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 168-37 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-124 (FELIX FERINA) 4  
1 - 92-253 [REDACTED] 4  
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1 - 92-1297 [REDACTED] 4  
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close friends once again and CI stated it is now his impression that the information indicating [redacted] is now erroneous. CI stated it is entirely possible that this information was placed by these individuals as a feeler to determine whether it would be "fed back" to either of them and thus identify sources of this office.

[redacted] was missing the entire day of [redacted]. He reportedly [redacted] but CI does not believe this is true. He was observed in Gino's Restaurant on the afternoon of [redacted] with [redacted] and [redacted].

CI stated that in regard to the Famous Restaurant and Bar, the restaurant business seems to have been greatly reduced. [redacted] attempted to utilize a singer by the name of [redacted] who had been featured at the Roaring Twenties for a lengthy period of time. [redacted] worked for but a short time for [redacted] and it is CI's understanding that [redacted] personally spoke to [redacted] in relation to termination of this individual's employment by [redacted]. The purpose of [redacted] was to have [redacted] return as an employee of the Roaring Twenties.

THOMAS FONTANELLA and [redacted] were with [redacted] at Gino's Restaurant on the night of 11/17/64.

CI stated that in relation to information previously furnished concerning the formation of an insurance company by ANTHONY CIVELLA, it is his understanding that [redacted] in this operation. They reportedly will have the backing of Chicago individuals in this company and the offices will be located over the Pizzeria #2 located at Antioch and Vivion Roads. CI speculated that individuals seen with CIVELLA [redacted] at Gino's Restaurant several weeks previously were very likely Chicago individuals, who are backing the company.

CI stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] [redacted] who is employed by [redacted]. He stated that [redacted] is described as a "Square John," has a very pleasing personality and is well liked by most individuals acquainted with him. He stated that even though [redacted] is described as

[redacted]  
a "Square John," it is his impression that [redacted] would do things for members of the criminal organization or their close associates if they ask favors of him.

CI stated that [redacted] has been seeing some [redacted]

[redacted] CI stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] has mentioned that this man even [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] intends to [redacted]  
[redacted] in relation to Gino's Restaurant.  
He stated that it will be necessary for them to [redacted]  
[redacted] but [redacted] has been [redacted] at the  
[redacted] and others are willing to [redacted]  
in an effort to [redacted]

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CI stated that on 11/23/64 there was a large crap game and gambling game occurring in the pool hall located at 5th and Troost.

CI stated [redacted] was arrested by the PD for [redacted] CI stated that he was arrested on the complaint of [redacted] and alleges that [redacted] when he was trying to [redacted]

CI stated [redacted] came to the Famous Restaurant and was complaining about the arrest made on [redacted] and others. He stated that there apparently are stool pigeons furnishing information concerning the operation of [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] stated that individuals believe [redacted] had a person doing investigation [redacted] CI stated that [redacted] still operates a gambling book, however, this book frequently changes locations, and he does not know the location of it at the present time.

CI stated that [redacted] visited the Famous Restaurant on 11/23/64 and was [redacted] a [redacted] CI does not know [redacted] name, but he is described as a large individual with blond hair and is a [redacted] of [redacted] business in the [redacted] has [redacted] and he has attempted to [redacted] to [redacted]

[redacted]

CI stated that he [redacted] at about [redacted] on the night of [redacted]. He advised that [redacted] was driving fast in his automobile in an easterly direction with an unidentified individual in the car.

CI stated that [redacted] who operates the [redacted] in [redacted] was in Gino's Restaurant on the night of [redacted]. He was accompanied by a small blonde female who is described as his girlfriend. [redacted] is a close friend of [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is [redacted] however, is utilizing the [redacted] to [redacted]. He was speaking of [redacted] a [redacted] in the [redacted] area. CI stated that [redacted] advised JOSEPH GURERA's pizzeria in Leavenworth is being operated by someone other than GURERA.

CI stated that [redacted] brags about [redacted]

It is CI's opinion that [redacted] in [redacted] with FELIX FERINA, who is incarcerated at Leavenworth.

In relation to [redacted] who [redacted] for [redacted] mentioned that he had observed [redacted] while [redacted] however, did not attempt to make any contact with him.

CI stated that in relation to gambling activities, he has heard that [redacted] partner, [redacted] is making book and is reportedly [redacted] to [redacted]



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

FROM : *f/pas* SAC, CHICAGO (92-1181)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, Aka  
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DATE: 12/28/64

Reurairtel dated 11/5/64.

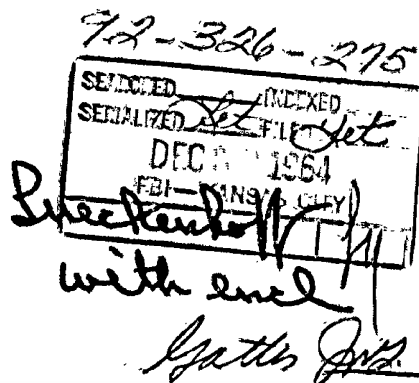
Enclosed herewith to Kansas City is a carbon copy of Greyhound Van Lines, Inc., inventory number 33-28 regarding the move of the captioned subject. This copy consisting of 5 pages was furnished to SA [redacted] on December 14, 1964, by Mr. [redacted] Greyhound Van Lines, Inc., 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and may be retained by the Kansas City Office.

Mr. [redacted] advised that Mr. [redacted] of the Company's Milwaukee Office, made the estimate and inventory of the household goods. The load was picked up in Milwaukee on March 14, 1963, and delivered on March 18, 1963. [redacted] signed for the inventory and well as the receipt for the household goods. Subsequently the company paid \$69 on a furniture repair claim and \$5.50 for a lamp repair. The matter was closed by the company but he has received information that [redacted] is attempting to re-open the claim.

A review of the inventory and other correspondence in the company's Chicago file failed to reflect a shipment of a weapon of any kind.

No further investigation being conducted by Chicago.

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1-Chicago  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>12/31/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>10/28/64 - 12/27/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka.</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND</b>	TYPED BY <b>of</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA ALEXANDER P. LeGRAND, Milwaukee,  
dated 10/30/64.

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LEADSTHE KANSAS CITY DIVISIONAt Kansas City, Missouri

Will conduct logical investigation of Subject's activities in the  
Kansas City area.

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THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Will ascertain if GURERA and BUSTER BALISTRERE attend funeral of VITO BALISTRERE at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and their activities in Milwaukee if they do appear.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND  
Date: 12/31/64

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

## Synopsis:

[redacted]  
advised he rented automobile at Jack Hatt's Service, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on American Express Credit Card # [redacted]. Mrs. ANTHONY BIERNAT advised no one has approached her to purchase late husband's juke box business, which is managed on her behalf by SAM IAQUINTA. VITO BALISTRERE, brother of BUSTER BALISTRERE, who is brother-in-law of JOE GURERA, died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 12/26/64.

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## DETAILS:

At [redacted]

On October 28, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] second floor apartment, advised SA [redacted] that he had worked for [redacted] Inc., [redacted] until May, 1964. Since that time he has been employed by another company. Mr. [redacted] at the time of interview exhibited American Express Credit Card No. [redacted], which showed that he had been a member since 1962. He also displayed a duplicate bill from Jack Hatt's Service dated May 21, 1964, in the amount of \$18.38, which showed he had rented an automobile from this service in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There was no indication on the bill that the credit card number had been erased or any numbers substituted thereon. He checked his records and found he had not received a bill from

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the American Express Credit Card Company, and said he would take the matter up with [redacted] to see that the bill was properly paid. He stated Mrs. IRENE BIERNAT should not, of course, pay this bill since it was his legitimate business charge while working for the [redacted] Company.

**At Kenosha, Wisconsin**

On December 3, 1964, Mrs. ANTHONY BIERNAT, aka. Irene Biernat, 2305 71st Street, was advised by SA WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, JR. of the circumstances of the charge which had been made against her for rental of the automobile by [redacted]

Mrs. BIERNAT said she still retains full control of her late husband's juke box, cigarette and vending machine business, and that to date she possesses the same number of accounts, basically unchanged from what they were in January, 1963, when her husband was murdered. She said SAM IAQUINTA manages the business on her behalf and maintains the physical handling of accounts just as he did when her husband was alive. She closely supervises his work and is entirely satisfied with the job he is doing.

Mrs. BIERNAT said she has received no offer for the purchase of her business and if any suspicious offer or situation occurs in the future in connection with the business, she will immediately notify the FBI.

**At Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

"The Milwaukee Journal" for December 27, 1964, reported that VITO BALISTRERE, age 62 years, of 1613 North Van Buren, had died on December 26, 1964, and would be buried out of the Guardalabene and Amato Funeral Home and St. Rita's Church on December 29, 1964. He was said to be the son of JOSEPHINE BALISTRERE and a brother of [redacted] and [redacted] of Milwaukee, and [redacted] and BUSTER BALISTRERE of Kansas City.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326) (P)

DATE: 1-6-64<sup>5</sup>

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Rerep SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF 12-23-64

[REDACTED] Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 1-5-65 advised that a few days before this date he had observed [REDACTED] the wife of [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] Leavenworth at the Nino's Pizzeria. He stated that she was going in and out of the kitchen and was apparently working there. He pointed out that [REDACTED] is of questionable moral character and considerable difficulty has been had with her. (This information should be reported on administrative page if placed in future reports)

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[REDACTED] advised on 1-5-64 that he was well acquainted with [REDACTED] and that she did work at the Nino's Pizzeria for one day during the previous week, but it is not believed that she is regularly employed there. He also advised that a female, a divorcee from Kansas City, Missouri is presently working at this place and residing with [REDACTED]. He advised he would obtain information as to her identity. [REDACTED] further reported that he had not gone to [REDACTED] to look into the [REDACTED] offer of GURERA as he felt he should not become that deeply involved. He added that GURERA is still attempting to interest him in [REDACTED] matter but that he has no intention of doing so. He stated he has obtained no additional details regarding [REDACTED] matter or regarding further contacts GURERA might have had with FRANK PONTE of Valley Falls, Kansas.

It was ascertained that [REDACTED] will [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and will be [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED]

This has not been made public to date.

[REDACTED] Leavenworth, Kansas on 1-6-64 advised that [REDACTED] is presently operating Nino's Pizzeria in violation of city ordinances requiring six months residence before a license can be issued. He added that as [REDACTED] is not known to possess a criminal record and GURERA might replace him with someone less desirable he felt no action would be taken to prevent [REDACTED] operating this establishment.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326) - P -

DATE: 1/12/65

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Memorandum of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF, 12/16/64.

[REDACTED] on January 8, 1965, advised that at the time Inmate [REDACTED] was released from the Kansas State Penitentiary approximately six months ago, he had [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED]. He advised this [REDACTED] to GURERA in connection with efforts to be made to [REDACTED] in obtaining [REDACTED] in connection with [REDACTED]  
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In view of the above, no further effort will be made to contact [REDACTED] who in October 1964 was known to have been in the [REDACTED]

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) P  
RE: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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The Bureau has instructed that membership index cards be prepared on all members of the La Cosa Nostra. JOSEPH GURERA has been identified in the past as a member of this organization. A review of subject's case file reflects that Milwaukee is office of origin in this matter; however, GURERA resides in the Kansas City area.

The Milwaukee Division is requested to advise Kansas City whether the Milwaukee Division is preparing the membership index card or whether it desires that the Kansas City Division prepare this item.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY [REDACTED] DATE: 3/2/65

FROM : SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CI

Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM WHICH WAS DEEMED PERTINENT HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED EITHER ORALLY OR BY ROUTING SLIP TO AGENTS HAVING SUBSTANTIVE CASE FILES AT THE TIME INFORMATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED.

1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-114 [REDACTED] 2,3,4,5  
1 - 92-254 [REDACTED] 2,3,4  
1 - 92-252 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-180 [REDACTED] 2,3,4  
1 - 92-869 (TONY MANGIARACINA) 2  
1 - 92-261 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-243 (CARL DE LUNA) 3  
1 - 92-1383 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA) 3  
1 - 92-258 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-116 (NICK CIVELLA) 4,5  
1 - 92-111 (JOHN MANGIARACINA) 4  
1 - 92-551 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-244 (WILLIAM CAMMISANO) 5  
1 - 92-109 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-150 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-420 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-113 (JOE FILARDO) 2  
1 - 92-969 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-515 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-470 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 168-109 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-326 (JOE GURERA) 3  
1 - 92-767 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-1140 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-117 (ALEX PRESTA) 4  
1 - 92-148 (JOHN VITALE) 4  
1 - 92-617 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-590 [REDACTED] 5

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CI stated that [redacted] is still operating the after-hours club.

CI knows no individual in the Kansas City area who goes by the name [redacted] however, pointed out there was [redacted] who went by that name, however, had no particular significance in relation to criminal activities.

CI stated that [redacted] has visited the Famous and had been at 5th and Troost Streets on the prior day. A crapgame is occurring on a regular basis at [redacted] usually about [redacted]

CI stated he observed [redacted] automobile at [redacted] in the early AM this date. He pointed out that the car was parked [redacted] [redacted] could not be readily seen from the street. CI stated that when he entered this location, he observed [redacted] talking to JOE FILARDO.

CI stated that [redacted] purchased a [redacted] previously described by him. [redacted] was purchased from [redacted] and was [redacted] through the [redacted]

[redacted] 65

CI stated that TONY MANGIARACINA purchased a little hamburger-type restaurant located on 75th Street just East of Mancuso's Gondola Restaurant. CI stated that MANGIARACINA will operate this restaurant by himself and will attempt to utilize some of his family as help.

CI stated that in relation to a building owned by [redacted] on [redacted] the real estate transaction for purchasing of this location was [redacted] by JASPER MIRABILE.

[redacted] is presently [redacted] this building into a [redacted] The building is just several doors South of the [redacted] on [redacted] and faces [redacted]

[redacted]

CI stated he has not seen CARL DE LUNA for some time.

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CI advised that in relation to [redacted] up until a couple of years ago was a [redacted] who was good for anything which would obtain him cash and had lost considerable amounts of money gambling. CI stated that there are [redacted] who should not [redacted] is building the [redacted] previously described by him at about [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] is a relative to the [redacted].

CI stated that [redacted] who lives on [redacted] has been working as a [redacted] and associates with the [redacted]. He is seen frequently by CI in the restaurant located at [redacted].

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CI stated that on the prior Friday night, JOE GURERA visited [redacted] at [redacted] location. The visit lasted for some time between [redacted]. GURERA is still selling insurance, however, has been to CI's understanding [redacted] with [redacted] on a number of occasions during the past several weeks. CI stated that in relation to [redacted] location, he understands that CARL CIVELLA has [redacted].

[redacted] is presently very mad with [redacted] inasmuch as he ascertained [redacted] had made statements indicating [redacted] had been [redacted].

[redacted] is reportedly [redacted] and will require that [redacted] within a week. It is reported, he will [redacted] and [redacted] worth of [redacted] will attempt to secure a [redacted] believed to be in the vicinity of [redacted]. He will take a [redacted] with him from the [redacted] who is familiar with this type of [redacted].

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CI stated that in relation to [redacted] and his [redacted] activity, [redacted] has virtually [redacted] the [redacted] of which [redacted] has been leader. He understands that [redacted] reports to NICK CIVELLA and has [redacted] with members of this organization. CI pointed out that [redacted] is actually hated by individuals such as [redacted] and [redacted] and would not exist very long without the support of CIVELLA.

ALEX PRESTA is [redacted] and will [redacted]

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In relation to the criminal organization, CI pointed out that even though many individuals are discontented with the present leadership of the organization, they would never attempt to challenge CIVELLA since he secures his power from Chicago and St. Louis. CI was questioned as to his knowledge of this association and he advised that it has been known throughout the criminal organization for many years, that persons frequently visit Kansas City from these locations and visa versa thus maintaining close association. He stated as he had previously mentioned, JOHN MANGIARACINA has also been discontented and pointed out that MANGIARACINA apparently is "broke". MANGIARACINA cannot buy meat from suppliers for use at his restaurant without paying cash at time of delivery.

CI stated that an individual who came to Kansas City [redacted]

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This person stated that he was a good friend of JOHN VITALE and [redacted] CI stated that VITALE to his knowledge has always been close to CARL and NICK CIVELLA as well as [redacted] He stated that he has ascertained that VITALE was very likely in Kansas City at the time of the wake of [redacted]

CI stated that in relation to ALEX PRESTA [redacted] he has ascertained that PRESTA and Governor Hearnes are very close. HEARNES reportedly likes PRESTA. CI stated that PRESTA is likewise disliked by many members of the criminal organization since they believe that PRESTA like CIVELLA has always attempted to better himself and his family financially and has never worried about the other persons associating with them. He stated that this seems to be the basis for friction existing.

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CI stated that [redacted] is very perturbed because he feels that someone in the criminal organization [redacted]

He and WILLIAM CAMMISANO, who [redacted] however, are [redacted] than [redacted] have discussed this matter. He believes that these individuals would cause much difficulty with the present leadership if the situation could be exploited.

CI stated that NICK CIVELLA was at [redacted] [redacted] with [redacted] on the night of [redacted] 65. He observed CIVELLA speaking with [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted]

Kansas City, Missouri  
March 25, 1965

**JOSEPH FRANK GURERA  
ANTI-RACKETEERING**

The characterization of informants utilized in the report of Special Agent George F. Lueckenhoff, dated and captioned as above, at Kansas City, Missouri, is as follows:

KC T-6 has current frequent contact with most of the criminal element in Kansas City, Missouri, and has personal knowledge regarding present and past activities of these individuals. KC T-6 has indicated that under no circumstances would testimony be given in any judicial area.

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AIR MAIL

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) (RUC)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Re Kansas City airtel to Milwaukee 1/26/65; report  
of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 3/25/65 at Kansas City.

Above referenced report carries an RUC status and  
reflects current investigation of GURERA in the Kansas City  
area.

<sup>membership</sup> The Kansas City Division has prepared no La Cosa  
Nostra index card concerning subject. If the Milwaukee Division  
desires Kansas City to prepare such a card in future, it should  
so advise.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>KANSAS CITY</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>3/25/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>12/14/64 - 3/23/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF</b>	TYPED BY <b>jah</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCES:

Kansas City report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF,  
dated 12/23/64.

Milwaukee report of SA ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND,  
dated 12/31/64.

Chicago letter to Kansas City, dated 12/28/64  
(interoffice).

Kansas city airtel to Milwaukee, dated 1/26/65  
(interoffice)

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## ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU (2):

Original and one copy of letterhead memorandum  
reflecting characterization of informant utilized in this  
report.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Period of this report is from 12/14/64, to include results of investigation conducted by the Chicago Division on this date.

Two copies of this report being maintained in the Kansas City Division for possible dissemination purposes.

The lead for the Chicago Division to obtain invoice from Greyhound Van Lines, Inc. concerning move of subject's furniture from Milwaukee to Kansas City, was primarily for purposes of determining whether firearms may have been listed on such an invoice. This lead was set forth in view of the fact that investigation was being conducted in the Kansas City Division concerning the murder of FLOYD BAIRDON HAYES. This invoice failed to reflect any firearms were included at time of subject's move.

The following information is being placed on the administrative page of this report in view of the nature of the information involved:

On 1/5/65, [redacted], Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] that he had observed [redacted] the wife of [redacted] of Fort Leavenworth, at Nino's Pizzeria. He stated that she was going in and out of the kitchen and was apparently working there. Mr. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is of questionable moral character and considerable difficulty has been had with her at Fort Leavenworth.

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On 12/31/64, the Milwaukee Division advised that [redacted] had attended the funeral of VITO BALISTRERI, JAMES and BUSTER BALESTRERE of Kansas City, and [redacted], were in attendance; however, subject did not attend the funeral since he was reportedly sick.

**INFORMANTS:**

KC T-6 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF Office: KANSAS CITY  
Date: 3/25/65  
Field Office File #: KC 92-328 Bureau File #: 92-4690  
Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject continues to reside at 9021 Delmar Street, Overland Park, Kansas, and employed by Frank Agrusa Insurance Agency. Subject has been observed in contact with [redacted] Individual in Leavenworth, Kansas previously approached to work for subject has refused to accept offer. Subject arrested by Johnson County, Kansas officers investigating murder in Kansas City, Missouri, and charged with obstruction of law officers in discharge of official duty. Subject released after furnishing desired information pertaining to his activities at time of murder. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:

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The Chicago Division advised on December 28, 1964, that a copy of Greyhound Van Lines, Inc. invoice pertaining to subject's move from Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Kansas City, Missouri, had been obtained. This invoice was furnished on December 14, 1964, to SA [redacted] by Mr. [redacted] Greyhound Van Lines, Inc., 57 West Grand Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. [redacted] advised that Mr. [redacted] of the company's Milwaukee Office, made the estimate and inventory of the household goods. The load was picked up in Milwaukee on March 14, 1963, and delivered on March 18, 1963. [redacted] signed for the inventory as well as the receipt for the household goods. Subsequently the company paid \$69.00 on a furniture repair claim and \$5.50 for a lamp repair. The matter was closed by the company but he has received information that [redacted] is attempting to reopen the claim.

A review of the inventory fails to reflect contents of shipment were other than normal household furniture and goods.

[redacted] advised on January 5, 1965, that a female who is a divorcee from Kansas City, Missouri, is presently working at Nino's Pizzeria and residing with [redacted] reported that subject is not operating this location.

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[redacted] further reported that he had not visited [redacted] to inquire into the [redacted] offer which GURENA had previously extended to him, since he did not desire to become that deeply involved. He added that GURENA is still attempting to interest him in [redacted] matters [redacted] but he has no intentions to do so.

[redacted] Leavenworth, Kansas, advised SA [redacted] on January 6, 1965, that [redacted] is presently operating Nino's Pizzeria in violation of city ordinances requiring a six month residence before a license can be issued. [redacted]

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stated that as [ ] is not known to possess a criminal record, and because of the fact GURERA might replace him with someone less desirable, he felt no action would be taken to prevent [ ] from operating this establishment.

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On March 13, 1965, SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF observed Nino's Pizzeria, Leavenworth, Kansas, and this location appeared as if it were no longer being operated as a pizzeria restaurant.

EC T-8 advised on [ ] 1965, that on the prior Friday night, February 5, 1965, JOSEPH GURERA visited [ ] at [ ] location on [ ]. The visit lasted for sometime between the hours of [ ]. EC T-8 stated that GURERA is still selling insurance, however, has been to EC T-8's understanding, [ ] with [ ] on a number of occasions during the past several weeks.

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ARREST BY JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS AUTHORITIES

On March 4, 1965, JOHN R. SIMMS, employed as Executive Secretary of Greater Kansas City Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. was killed by a bomb placed in his automobile, which was parked in a garage near the association's office in Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, advised on March 15, 1965, that officers assigned to the Metro Squad, which is composed of representatives of virtually all police agencies in the Metropolitan Kansas City area, interviewed numerous individuals, who because of a history of criminal associations might have information concerning this murder. Among those who were interviewed was JOSEPH GURERA. [redacted] pointed out that it is his understanding that GURERA became extremely abusive when officers attempted to interview him in this matter and an arrest of GURERA followed. [redacted] furnished pertinent police reports in this matter, which are set forth.

The following report is dated March 6, 1965:

Officers [redacted] of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, at 10:30 AM, went to the home of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, 9021 Delmar, Prairie Village, Kansas. After identifying themselves and asking to talk to GURERA, they were told by him that he did not have to tell them anything and for them to get off his property.

[redacted] was called and told Officers [redacted] to stand by and watch subject's house, and he would contact the Johnson County Attorney and get a warrant for subject's arrest. At 12:15 PM, Detective [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] met the officers with a warrant, #13955, charging subject with knowingly and feloniously obstructing, resist and opposed the sheriff and other law officers in the discharge of their official duties in the investigation of a homicide. This warrant was served by the above officers and the Johnson County Sheriff's officers on subject and he was taken into custody. A search of his home incidental to this arrest produced nothing to link him to the JOHN R. SIMMS homicide.

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GURERA was taken to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office by Detective [ ] and Sergeant [ ] and at 3:00 PM, in the presence of [ ] he told of his whereabouts on March 4, 1965, from 12:00 noon to 5:30 PM.

GURERA stated he went to the office of [ ] Kansas City, Missouri, at about 12:00 noon, and the two of them went downstairs to meet [ ] and [ ] Mr. [ ] drove them all to the Italian Gardens Restaurant where they had lunch. They left the restaurant at about 2:00 PM and [ ] dropped GURERA and [ ] at [ ] office. GURERA left [ ] office at about 2:30 or 3:00 PM and went to his office at the Insurance City Life Company, 401 East 13th, telephone MA 1-0366. He stayed at his office until 4:30 or 5:00 PM, when [ ] picked him up and drove him home, arriving at about 5:15 PM. [ ] was present at his office.

[ ] verified GURERA's story on lunch.

The following report is dated March 11, 1965:

On March 11, 1965, at approximately 10:20 AM, Detectives [ ] of the Independence, Missouri Police Department, went to the Insurance City Insurance Company located at 401 East 13th, Kansas City, Missouri, where contact was made with a [ ] of [ ] telephone [ ] Mrs. [ ] was contacted in regards to the activities of [ ] JOSEPH F. GURERA on March 4, 1965, between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM. Mrs. [ ] stated she was not sure, but she thought Mr. GURERA was in the office on March 4, 1965, between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM.

[ ] was present during the interview with Mrs. [ ] and he was very hostile toward the interviewing officers. He stated that any information which was wanted would have to be obtained through [ ]

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It was the feeling of the reporting officers that [redacted] should be interviewed at her home as she seemed reluctant to say anything in front of [redacted] who also would not cooperate.

The following report is dated March 12, 1965:

On March 12, 1965, at approximately 8:30 PM, Detectives [redacted] of the Independence, Missouri Police Department, went to [redacted] where contact was made with [redacted]

[redacted] was contacted in regard to the activities of [redacted] JOSEPH F. GURERA, on March 4, 1965, between the hours of 3:00 PM and 5:30 PM. [redacted]

[redacted] was then asked if Mr. GURERA or [redacted] She stated that [redacted] who is [redacted]

[redacted] it the wrong way. [redacted] also stated that Mr. [redacted] used to carry insurance for the Monarch Electric Company.

The following is a Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Olathe, Kansas, arrest report:

At 11:30 AM, March 8, 1965, Detective [redacted] and Sergeant [redacted] were assigned by [redacted] to arrest JOE FRANK GURERA, also known as JOSEPH FRANK GURERA and JOE FRANK GUERRIA on Johnson County, Kansas warrant #13955, to wit: JOE FRANK GUERRIA knowingly and feloniously obstruct, resist and oppose the sheriff and other law officers in the discharge of their official duty, in the investigation of a homicide.

On arrival at the GURERA residence, they were met by Detectives [redacted] of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department, attached to the Metro Squad,

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JOSEPH FRANK GURERA and [REDACTED]. JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was arrested on the above described warrant. A search was made of the residence with negative results.

GURERA was transported to the county jail and confined in lieu of \$15,000.00 bond.

A clearance report was taken.

The following is information reflected on Johnson County Sheriff's Office arrest sheet #23587:



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Warrant #13955 was issued in the State of Kansas, Johnson County, Olathe Division charging that on or about the 8th day of March, 1965, in Johnson County and State of Kansas, one JOE FRANK GUERRIA did then and there unlawfully knowingly and feloniously obstruct, resist and oppose the sheriff and other law officers in the discharge of their official duty, in the investigation of a homicide.

In respect to individuals mentioned on described investigative reports, the following information concerning these individuals has been developed.

[redacted] is [redacted] with offices in the [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] is a close associate of individuals in the Kansas City area who are known criminal figures, including NICHOLAS CIVILLA.

The 1965 Coles Kansas City Directory reflects one [redacted] as [redacted] of [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, home residence - [redacted]

The above directory reflects [redacted] as [redacted] with offices at [redacted], and home residence at [redacted]

[redacted] has previously been identified as [redacted] engaged by subject, and also a neighbor of subject.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri  
March 23, 1963

Title                    **JOSEPH FRANK GUERRA**

Character              **ANTI-RACISM/TERMINO**

Reference              Report of Special Agent  
                         **GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF,**  
                         Kansas City, dated  
                         March 23, 1963.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) *Out of*

DATE: 3/24/65

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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Reurairtel 1/26/65.

In view of the fact that JOSEPH GURERA is living in the Kansas City area, it is desired that the Kansas City Division prepare the membership index card on GURERA's membership in La Cosa Nostra.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, (92-326)

FROM : SA JAMES F. GLONEK

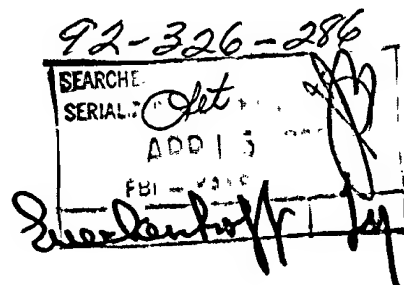
DATE: 4/15/65

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
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At about 2:00 p.m. on 4/12/65, the writer noted a late model black Ford Mustang, Missouri license [redacted] parked on Troost just South of Missouri Street. A young male who appeared to be about 5' 8" tall, medium build, age, late teens or early 20's was sitting behind the wheel in this car conversing with JOE GURERA, who was sitting on the right side.

The above license is listed to [redacted] for a 1964 Ford Fairlane. It appears likely that the individual in the car with GURERA might be [redacted] son, [redacted] who fits the description of the unknown man.

① - 92-326  
1 - 92-1077 [redacted]  
JFG:pe  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257)

4/21/65

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) RUC

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau dated 4/21/65,  
in case entitled, "LA COSA NOSTRA, MEMBERSHIP INDEX; AR -  
CONSPIRACY".

The above referenced communication forwarded the  
membership index card concerning the subject to the Bureau.  
All logical investigation has been completed in this  
division concerning subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Milwaukee  
1 - Kansas City  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (92-6054)

4/21/65

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-1389) P

LA COSA NOSTRA  
MEMBERSHIP INDEX  
AR - CONSPIRACY

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau 1/29/65 and  
Milwaukee letter to Kansas City 3/24/65, in case entitled,  
"JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka; AR".

Enclosed herewith is membership index card concerning  
JOSEPH FRANK GURERA.

The Milwaukee Division advised in the above referenced  
communication that in view of the fact JOSEPH GURERA is living  
in the Kansas City area it is desired that the Kansas City  
Division prepare the membership index card concerning GURERA.  
The Bureau may consider preparing three membership cards for  
distribution to other offices in view of GURERA's residence  
in the Kansas City Division territory and the Milwaukee  
Division being office of origin in this investigation.

*Re*

2 - Bureau  
1 - Milwaukee (92-257)  
3 - Kansas City (2 - 92-1389)  
    (1 - 92-326)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC (92-326)

DATE: 4-21-65

FROM : IC

SUBJECT: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA,  
AR

Re telephonic conversation of the writer and SA ROBERT E.  
KENT of April 19, 1965.

USP, Leavenworth,  
Kansas, on April 21, 1965 made available the USP records of the  
visitors for USP inmates on April 20 and April 19, 1965. The  
following is a list of same:

April 19, 1965

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4/23-RU

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April 20, 1965. Con't:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FERINA # 79803

[REDACTED]

FELIX FERINA #79803

[REDACTED] " " " " " " " "

[REDACTED]

SA [REDACTED] advised the writer that he has, in the past, observed subject delivering relatives and friends of FELIX FERINA, USP #79803-L, to the USP, Leavenworth, to visit with FELIX FERINA.



Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

TO : SAC, [ ] P  
FROM : SA [ ]  
SUBJECT: [ ]  
CI

DATE: 4/20/65

Dates of contact: April 2 and 9, 1965

Attempted contacts: 3/26/65 and 4/6, 12, and 14/65

Rating: Excellent

Coverage: Same

Theft of U. S. Postage Stamps;

[ ]

On [ ]/65, CI stated that on the previous day, he had visited with [ ] at the [ ] and that [ ] had informed him that he had

- 1 - [ ]
- 1 - 48-0 (Postal Matters)
- 1 - 92-802 [ ]
- 1 - 92-1459 [ ]
- 1 - 92-1090 [ ]
- 1 - 92-257 [ ]
- 1 - 92-326 (J. GURERA)
- 1 - 92-261 [ ]
- 1 - 92-117 (ALEX PRESTA)
- 1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA)
- 1 - 92-515 [ ]
- 1 - 92-527 [ ]
- 1 - 92-109 (CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE)
- 1 - 92-391 [ ]
- 1 - 92-741 [ ]
- 1 - 87-18179 [ ]
- 2 - 92-New [ ]

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(18)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] purchased [redacted] from [redacted] said that [redacted] claimed to have a quantity of [redacted] which had not yet been [redacted] CI stated that he is not personally acquainted with [redacted] but has heard of him on numerous occasions and understands that he is one of the [redacted] in Kansas City.

[redacted]  
On 4/2/65, CI stated that on [redacted]/65, [redacted] had shown him a large quantity of [redacted] which have a [redacted] and for which [redacted] was asking [redacted] CI [redacted] and has no idea where [redacted] obtained them. It is CI's impression that it would be impossible to definitely [redacted] He understands that [redacted] finally sold them for [redacted] but he has no idea who purchased them.

[redacted]  
JOE GURERA

On [redacted]/65, CI stated that on the previous evening, he went to [redacted] about 11:00 p.m. and remained until closing. At closing time, [redacted] locked the door and [redacted] remained until [redacted] CI said that GURERA is now selling insurance and he exhibited a business card of JOSEPH GURERA, 9021 Delmar, Overland Park, Kansas, business telephone HA 1-0336, residence NI 2-7629.

On [redacted]/65, CI stated that GURERA had [redacted] trying to sell insurance. GURERA was with an associate, [redacted] (LNU), and is working for a company known as the Mid American Insurance Company. A check of Kansas City telephone directories reflects a Mid American Insurance Company at 6155 Oak Street, telephone EM 3-1677, and also the Mid America Fire and Marine Insurance Company, 4030 Broadway, PL 3-5359.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
ALEX PRESTA  
CARL CIVELLA  
[REDACTED]

"Senores" and "Dons"

On 4/2/65, CI stated that from conversation which he has heard among members of the criminal element in Kansas City, it appears that there are two classes of individuals within this organization and that they are known by the names "Senores" and "Dons". Apparently, the "Senores" rank higher than the "Dons" and [REDACTED] ALEX PRESTA, and CARL CIVELLA would appear from general conversation to be among the "Senores". Those who have been referred to as "Dons" include [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also will get "a piece" of [REDACTED] located in the [REDACTED] in about two years. CI also mentioned that on the night of [REDACTED] 65, CARL CIVELLA was at the [REDACTED] in company with [REDACTED]. CI stated that he could only describe this girl as a blond and said that he had no information as to her identity.

[REDACTED]  
KC 87-18179

On 4/2/65, this matter was discussed with CI, and he agreed that at his first opportunity he would [REDACTED]

JOHN JOSEPH VITALE  
CARL DE LUNA

It is noted that an attempt is being made to determine the purpose for which DE LUNA contacted VITALE at St. Louis, Missouri, on a recent date. CI was asked about DE LUNA, and stated that he did not know him. He was asked whether he had any information as to the purpose of DE LUNA having been in St. Louis recently, and he said that he had not. Agent handling this matter advised by routing slip.

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
Gambling at Chase Park  
Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

On 4/2/65, CI stated that recently he had heard conversation indicating that [redacted] gambling games periodically at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis. (Kansas City indices negative. St. Louis will be advised.)

[redacted]  
On 4/2/65, CI was questioned as to any further information concerning previously mentioned proposed [redacted] in relation to [redacted] CI stated that he had no further information and to the best of his knowledge, [redacted] had not [redacted] as yet. CI said that [redacted] has his girlfriend "set up" in an apartment in the [redacted] but that he did not know the address. CI stated that he had heard the name of the girlfriend but could not recall it. She is believed to be working in [redacted] at the [redacted] CI also mentioned that [redacted] is known by the nickname [redacted]

SAC, [ ] P

4/26/65

SA [ ]

[ ]  
CI

Date of contact: 4/22/65  
Rating: Excellent  
Coverage: Same

JOE GURERA

[ ]  
ANTHONY CIVELLA

On 4/22/65 in a brief contact with CI, CI advised that he had gone to [ ] and that after closing of this restaurant, [ ]

[ ] CI stated that during this time there was no conversation of criminal significance except as set out below:

CI stated on 4/22/65 that [ ] is in "bad shape" with someone in the Italian criminal organization. On Monday 4/19/65 while CI was [ ] at the [ ] and had to [ ] CI said that [ ] was [ ] and did not want to go but had to. CI stated that he had no information as to the person [ ] had to see or the purpose. He

1 - [ ]  
1 - 92-326 (J. GURERA)  
1 - 92-261 [ ]  
1 - 92-262 (A. CIVELLA)  
1 - 92-143 (JOHN DIOGUARDI)  
1 - 92-New [ ]  
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[ ]  
[ ]  
[ ]

[redacted]  
mentioned that the previous Friday night [redacted] had reportedly given TONY RIPE (ANTHONY CIVELLA) some [redacted] and he speculated that it was possible that something had gone wrong with [redacted] and this was the reason for [redacted]. However, he said that he had no real basis for this speculation.

JOHN DIOGUARDI

JOSEPH GURERA

On 4/22/65, CI stated that he was planning on [redacted] on his previously mentioned [redacted]

In regard to previously reported information regarding [redacted] for JOE GURERA [redacted] (believed to be JOHN DIOGUARDI), CI furnished the following information:

The individual referred to as [redacted] is not JOHN DIOGUARDI but [redacted] JOE GURERA indicated that he would like for [redacted]

[redacted]  
which GURERA would [redacted] GURERA apparently expects that CI will [redacted]

[redacted]  
stated that, if GURERA [redacted] that he would make every effort to ascertain the [redacted] and that he would contact the writer [redacted] if at all possible.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

DATE: 4/29/65

FROM: SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
CI

DATE OF CONTACT: 4/16, 18/65

RATING: Excellent

COVERAGE: Same



On 4/16/65, CI stated that several days previously  
at the [REDACTED]



1 - 92-1459 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-802 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-1437 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-515 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-117 (ALEX PRESTA)  
1 - 92-326 (JOSEPH GURERA)  
1 - 92-143 (JOHN DIOGUARDE)  
1 - [REDACTED]

1 - 92-1378 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-257 [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA)  
1 - 92-391 [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-990 (VITO GENOVESE)  
1 - 92-109 (C.I.P.)

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[REDACTED]  
ANTHONY CIVELLA;  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CI stated that the recent [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at [REDACTED]  
not including the [REDACTED] ( [REDACTED]  
was done by a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and extreme caution must be used in any  
utilization of this information.)

CI stated that the [REDACTED] is somewhat  
of a hangout for members of the criminal element and that  
they gather there during the late evening hours and frequently  
remain in the office for a considerable period of time  
after closing. According to CI, [REDACTED] visits  
the [REDACTED] almost every night and on a  
typical night he will show up there about 11:00 p.m. to  
midnight and remain until the store closes at about 1:00  
or 1:30 a.m. Frequently he will then join a group in the  
office. In addition to [REDACTED] CI mentioned  
that [REDACTED] TONY RIPE (ANTHONY CIVELLA) and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] are among those who have frequented  
the [REDACTED] on occasion.

[REDACTED]  
ALEX PRESTA

On 4/16/65, CI stated that [REDACTED] had recently  
mentioned that [REDACTED] "MARCELLO" as soon  
as he [REDACTED] CI stated that he feels  
certain that the individual referred to is CARLOS MARCELLO,  
(a high ranking member of the criminal organization at  
New Orleans, Louisiana,) but CI has no information as to  
the possible purpose of [REDACTED] CI mentioned  
that [REDACTED] was recently [REDACTED] by ALEX PRESTA for  
having [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] CI stated  
that, with the Italian group, it is expected that any  
individual who has occasion to be [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



[redacted]  
[redacted] PRESTA reportedly informed [redacted] that he will be expected to [redacted]

[redacted] (Caution should be used in any utilization of this information in view of the danger of identifying CI by [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted]  
INCOME TAX

On 4/16/65, CI stated he had heard that [redacted]  
[redacted]

Kansas City, Mo. was both a [redacted]  
and that he believes that [redacted] source may be [redacted]  
[redacted] (phonetic), who is to be [redacted]  
which they hope to [redacted] CI also stated  
that he had heard that [redacted]

[redacted] for Federal and  
State income taxes, but does not report this or turn in  
the money to Federal or State income tax authorities.

The 1964 Kansas City, Mo. Directory lists  
[redacted]  
[redacted] There is no listing for  
[redacted]

Office indices reflect two references to [redacted]  
[redacted]

72-75-1127, page 186 (interview in connection  
with HAYES' murder, apparently neighborhood  
investigation)

92-109-3376, (arrested for fighting 3/63)

Office indices reflect the following references  
to [redacted] possibly identical with above:  
[redacted]

92-109-3328, page 3

92-109-2501

[redacted]  
92-115-889

92-987-52

92-987-62, page 56

92-116-762, page 4

Also possibly identical is reference to [redacted]  
[redacted] 94-491-1718.

[redacted] was [redacted]  
[redacted] prior to operation of that establishment by [redacted]  
[redacted] has been affiliated with various bars and has had  
some affiliation with members of the criminal group in  
Kansas City. He was carried as a PCI for a short while,  
but reliability was questioned.

The above information will be made available  
to IRS and Food and Drug Administration.

[redacted]  
On 4/18/65, CI stated that [redacted] was scheduled  
to [redacted] on [redacted] concerning  
[redacted] on Tuesday, [redacted]

JOE GURERA;  
VITO GENOVESE;  
JOHN DIOGUARDI

On 4/18/65, CI stated that on the previous  
day JOSEPH GURERA had [redacted]  
[redacted] CI stated that this is supposedly [redacted]

[redacted] (Caution should  
be exercised in any utilization of this information in order  
not to compromise CI) CI further stated that on Monday,  
4/19/65, GURERA was supposed to [redacted]

[redacted] CI said that he had no further  
information in this regard, but speculated that GURERA was  
to [redacted]

[redacted] (This information furnished to  
[redacted] for consideration for any investigation  
to determine GURERA's visitors and activities).

[redacted]

On 4/18/65, CI further stated that he expects to [redacted] within the next week or so and that GURERA had asked him if he would [redacted] to be [redacted]. CI stated that he would probably [redacted] and that, if GURERA [redacted], he would contact the writer [redacted] if at all possible.

DIRECTOR, FBI (92-4690)

4/30/65

SAC, MILWAUKEE (92-257) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR

OO: MILWAUKEE

Re report of SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF dated 3/25/65 at Kansas City.

Subject for the past two years has resided at Overland Park, Kansas and at no time has returned to Milwaukee.

On 4/27/65 [ ] advised SAS RICHARD C. THOMPSON and ALEXANDER P. LE GRAND that he did not believe GURERA would ever return to Milwaukee because of the discord he created in the Milwaukee family of LCN during his stay there.

No information has been received by any Milwaukee source of GURERA's current activities.

Accordingly it is requested that Kansas City be designated the office of origin.

4 - Bureau (92-4690)  
1 - Kansas City (92-326)  
1 - Milwaukee (92-257)  
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**CI**

**JOSEPH GURERA**

# THEFT OF U.S. POSTAGE STAMPS

1-92-143 [REDACTED]  
1-92-326 (J. GURERA)  
1-91-3968 (RE POSTAL MATTER)  
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See 1/12/65  
Hand to Paul.  
5-7-65  
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TO: SAC,

☐ Albany  
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Date 5-10-65

RE: *Joseph Frank Surra*  
*A.R.*

- ☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.
- ☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

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Date:  /65Transmit the following in CODE  
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TO   92-1181)  
FROM KANSAS CITY (92-326)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR. OO KANSAS CITY.

  ADVISED THAT JOSEPH GURERA HAD  
INDICATED TO CI HE WAS GOING TO FLY TO    
  FOR A QUOTE MEETING UNQUOTE. HE APPARENTLY INTENDS  
TO RETURN TO KANSAS CITY SAME NIGHT. GURERA FURNISHED NO  
DETAILS AND GAVE CI NO INDICATION OF PERSONS WITH WHOM HE WAS  
GOING TO MEET OR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING EXCEPT THAT IT QUOTE  
COULD MEAN A LOT OF MONEY UNQUOTE. GURERA, LCN MEMBER, HAS  
RECENTLY BEEN ENGAGED IN INSURANCE ENTERPRISE KNOWN AS THE  
INSURANCE CITY INSURANCE COMPANY  

GURERA DESCRIBED WM, BORN JULY FIVE, TWENTYFIVE, FIVE FT.  
NINE, ONE SEVENTY LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, DARK COMPLEXION,  
FBI NO. FOUR ZERO FIVE NINE THREE SIX SIX. GURERA FOR NUMBER  
OF YEARS RESIDED IN MILWAUKEE, WISC. WHERE HE WAS CLOSELY  
ASSOCIATED WITH FRANK BALISTRIERI. HE WAS ALSO SUSPECT IN A  
MURDER AT KENOSHA, WISC.

1 -  GFL:MEJ  
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Special Agent in Charge

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NO RECORD FOR AIRLINE RESERVATION CONTINENTAL, TWA, OR  
BRANIFF AIRLINES.

☐ REQUESTED TO ALERT SOURCES FOR ANY INFORMATION WHICH  
MIGHT COME TO THEIR ATTENTION CONCERNING PURPOSE OF SUBJECTS  
VISIT.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC [REDACTED] (P)

5/18/65

SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
CI

Date of Contact: 5/10/65 (Attempted contact 5/7/65)  
Rating: Excellent  
Coverage: Same

JOSEPH GURERA  
VITO GENOVESE

CI states that he has [REDACTED]  
with JOSEPH GURERA, has been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He said that GURERA, in contrast to most of the other members of the Italian criminal group, becomes fairly talkative when drinking. CI has the impression that GURERA is one of the more important leaders of the Italian group in Kansas City.

Several weeks ago [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IF THIS INFORMATION IS UTILIZED IN REPORT OR FURNISHED TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES, EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE USED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF CI.

- 1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-326 (J. GURERA)  
1 - 92-990 (V. GENOVESE)  
1 - 92-391 [REDACTED]

RTW:mrh  
(4)

92-326-297

Det Det

*[Handwritten signature]*

[redacted]

With regard to information furnished previously  
by CI as to [redacted] and information  
set forth in memo of SA [redacted] 5/3/65. CI was  
asked if he were certain that [redacted]  
[redacted] CI said that JOSEPH GURKRA had told him

[redacted]

[redacted]

CI said that [redacted] had returned from [redacted]  
and that the Teamsters had lost the election concerning  
which [redacted]

PERSONAL DATA

Offer was made to reimburse CI for authorized  
expenses, but he indicated that at the present time he had  
no desire that this be done and that he is willing to  
furnish information to the writer without reimbursement of  
any sort.

SAC [ ] (P)

5/18/65

SA [ ]

[ ]  
CI

Date of Contact: 5/15/65  
Rating: Excellent  
Coverage: Same

JOSEPH GURERA  
[ ]

On 5/15/65, CI contacted the writer by telephone and advised as follows:

JOSEPH GURERA had recently indicated to CI that he was going to fly [ ] for a "meeting". He apparently intends to return to Kansas City the same night. GURERA furnished no details and gave CI no indication of the persons with whom he was going to meet or the purpose of the meeting except that it "could mean a lot of money." CI noted that GURERA has recently entered into the insurance business, but CI did not know whether this trip related to this business, to criminal activities, or to other matters. CI further stated that GURERA had indicated that he is considering some plans for [ ]

[ ] He was to meet unknown persons Monday morning, 5/17/65, to further discuss this possibility. CI also stated that [ ] who operates the [ ] was in Kansas City the [ ] and was out with JOSEPH GURERA. They supposedly had dinner at [ ] GURERA had [ ]

1 - [ ]  
1 - 92-340 [ ]  
① - 92-362 (J. GURERA)  
RTW:mrh 326  
(3)

92-326-298  
Det Det

*See below*

SAC, [REDACTED]

5/18/65

SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326) (P)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka  
AR

Prior to a [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] JOSEPH GURERA, a leading figure in the Italian criminal group in Kansas City, indicated to CI that he would [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED] prominent New York hoodlum. CI was to [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] which GURERA would give him. He would [REDACTED] and it was expected that he would [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from GURERA. However, just prior to [REDACTED] GURERA made a phone call [REDACTED] and was unable to [REDACTED] GURERA, therefore, did not [REDACTED] and CI did not [REDACTED]

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LEAD:

[REDACTED] OFFICE

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In regard to GURERA's contacts and activities, in information as furnished to [REDACTED] is requested to furnish an evaluation of the above information.

- 2 - [REDACTED]  
③ - Kansas City  
(1 - 92-326)  
(1 - 92-143 JOHN DIOGUARDE)  
(1 - [REDACTED])

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Date: 5/19/65

Transmit the following in CODE  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via RADIO U R G E N T  
(Priority)

TO CHICAGO (92-1181)

FROM KANSAS CITY (92-326)

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA, AR. OO KANSAS CITY.

RE KANSAS CITY RAD MAY EIGHTEEN LAST.

TWA AUTHORITIES ADVISE GURERA BOARDED TWA FLIGHT THIRTYFOUR  
AT EIGHT THIRTYFIVE A.M. THIS DATE, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CHICAGO  
TEN FORTYFOUR A.M. CHICAGO TIME.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Re notation of [ ] on memo 5/4/65  
(serial 42) suggesting obtain phone number from which call  
to Florida placed.

On 5/17/65, CI advised that on the night of [ ]  
while [ ] GURERA went into  
another room, indicating that he was going to call [ ]  
[ ] When GURERA returned he indicated to  
CI that he had been unable to reach his party. Prior to CI's  
[ ] GURERA indicated that he  
still had not been able to contact the party [ ] CI  
presumes, but has no factual knowledge, that GURERA made  
attempts to contact [ ] or others [ ]  
from the phone at his residence, NI 2-7629, or his office,  
HA 1-0336.

1 - [ ]  
1 - 92-326(J. GURERA)  
1 - 92-143(J. DIOGUARDE)  
RTW:rmb  
(3)

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*See also off by*  
*check toll calls + submit*  
*results to pertinent files.*

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
M E M O R A N D U M

TO: SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM: SA GEORGE F. LUECKENHOFF  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
CI

DATE: 5/25/65

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Rating: Excellent

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THIS INFORMANT SHOULD  
BE HANDLED WITH DISCRETION TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF  
JEOPARDIZING THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT.

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMORANDUM WHICH  
WAS DEEMED PERTINENT HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED EITHER ORALLY  
OR BY ROUTING SLIP TO AGENTS HAVING SUBSTANTIVE CASE FILES  
AT THE TIME INFORMATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED.

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - 92-113 (JOE FILARDO) 3,4  
1 - 92-123 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-116 (NICK CIVELLA) 4,5  
1 - 92-272 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-115 (CARL CIVELLA) 4,5  
1 - 92-114 [REDACTED] 3,4  
1 - 92-417 [REDACTED] 2,4  
1 - 92-722 [REDACTED] 4  
1 - 92-111 (JOHN MANGIARACINA) 4  
1 - 92-244 (WILLIAM CAMMISANO) 4  
1 - 92-112 [REDACTED] 4,5  
① - 92-326 (JOE GURERA) 4,5  
1 - 92-696 (BUSTER BALESTRERE) 4  
1 - 92-262 (ANTHONY CIVELLA) 4  
1 - 92-261 [REDACTED] 3,4  
1 - 92-243 (CARL DeLUNA) 2,4  
1 - 92-246 [REDACTED] 5  
1 - 92-180 [REDACTED] 5  
1 - 92-992 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-303 [REDACTED] 3,5  
1 - 92-523 [REDACTED] 5  
1 - 92-254 [REDACTED] 5

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1 - 92- (FNU) [REDACTED] 2,3  
1 - 92-260 [REDACTED] 2,3  
1 - 92-290 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-258 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-702 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92- [REDACTED] 2  
1 - 92-243 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-521 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-364 (JOE CAROLLA) 3  
1 - 92-1368 [REDACTED] 3  
1 - 92-252 [REDACTED] 2  
1 - [REDACTED] 2,3

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CI stated that [REDACTED] whose first name he does not know, has a "cut" in the gambling at [REDACTED]. He has been working at this location on virtually a daily basis. CI stated that CARL DeLUNA and [REDACTED] have been [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] has mentioned that he thinks [REDACTED]. He does not know their location.

[REDACTED] were both at the gambling location on the prior day.

CI stated that HAROLD BERGER, whom he has furnished information about in the past, has been absent from his usual locations and he would attempt to find out if he had died.

He explained that the last time [REDACTED] BERGER's residence, [REDACTED] and for this reason he has [REDACTED].

CI stated that the individuals who are building a large apartment development at [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. He stated that they may have financial affiliations with the criminal organization because of this association. He described them as being of Jewish origin.

The writer observed the apartments at this location, which are directly east of the Santa Fe Hills County Club and are known as the Santa Fe Hills development. CI is apparently referring to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are known to have the majority interest in this country club and are large real estate developers.

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CI stated that [REDACTED] and that BERGER had died on the prior Saturday morning, 5/1/65. [REDACTED] that BERGER dropped dead from a heart attack while in the kitchen of his apartment, just as his mother was coming in the apartment for a visit. His mother is from St. Louis. BERGER was buried in St. Louis on 5/2/65. CI



[redacted]

stated he [redacted] in relation to this, since [redacted] was a close associate of BERGER and [redacted] stated that he had attended the funeral. [redacted] desired to know how CI had known BERGER had died and CI pointed out that it was mentioned in the paper. He likewise stated that he had heard BERGER had been indicted on local charges for some type of fraud action in relation to his operation of a car wash machine agency.

CI stated that CARL DeLUNA is out of town and that he has not been seen in several weeks. CI is unable to identify a female from description furnished by the writer who has been seen in the past with DeLUNA.

CI stated that [redacted] is likewise looking for [redacted] since he is without funds and [redacted] who owns his apartment building, is pressing him for his rent. [redacted] furnishes funds to [redacted]

CI stated he observed [redacted] at 45th and Troost at [redacted] and they had a lengthy conversation.

CI stated that on [redacted] lost \$200 to \$300 in a 4-5-6 game at 5th and Troost and that [redacted] won nearly \$1000.

CI stated that JOE CAROLLA, who has been [redacted] on a frequent basis of late with [redacted] was [redacted] on this date. He does not know where [redacted] will occur.

CI stated that [redacted] was observed painting his residence the [redacted]

CI stated that [redacted] still [redacted] on virtually a daily basis. He parks his automobile away from [redacted] His face is still bruised from the beating he had suffered. He is usually joined by [redacted]

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CI advised that there has been no change to his knowledge concerning the leadership of the criminal organization in the Kansas City area during recent months. He pointed out

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[redacted]

that JOSEPH FILARDO and [redacted] are still the leaders of the criminal organization and NICHOLAS CIVELLA is the active leader who takes orders from them. FILARDO and [redacted] do not come into direct contact with other members of the organization as does CIVELLA. He stated that JOSEPH LASCUOLA appears to be on a similar level as CIVELLA in his relationship with [redacted] and FILARDO, however, he has never ascertained that LASCUOLA has any authority over known members of the criminal organization in Kansas City. He could furnish no additional information concerning LASCUOLA's activities.

CARL CIVELLA, [redacted] TOM FONTANELLO, and [redacted] seem to occupy positions under that of NICK CIVELLA, but on a parallel. They also seem to work as a group.

JOHN MANGIARACINA, WILLIE CAMMISANO, [redacted] JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE apparently also form a similar group as that of the prior group, however, do not have the authority or share in the activities as does the first group. He believes that this group was formerly the most powerful but since the taking over of the organization by NICK CIVELLA it has lost its influence.

He explained, however, that all are under the authority of FILARDO and [redacted] It is CI's opinion that [redacted] only occupies his position since he is [redacted] FILARDO and has been so close to him over the years.

He stated that <sup>these</sup> his comments concerning this grouping were based solely upon various factors and comments which he has observed and heard throughout the years. He stated that there has been little or no friction during recent years in this group; however, as he has pointed out on a number of occasions previously there exists an uneasiness among the members and he still believes various individuals are feuding.

He stated that the criminal organization, through NICK CIVELLA, still continues to control gambling and fencing activities in the Kansas City area.

He stated that there are numerous individuals who belong to the criminal organization whose positions or activities he is not sure of and this would include persons such as ANTHONY CIVELLA, [redacted] CARL DeLUNA, and other younger individuals. He stated he had previously pointed out that DeLUNA was now "an enforcer" for this group.

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In relation to [redacted], CI stated that [redacted] has been closely associated with NICHOLAS CIVELLA for many years, was known as a "muscleman", however, does not seem to associate with anyone on a continuous basis other than NICK CIVELLA.

CI stated that WILLIAM CAMMISANO is driving a 1959 or 1960 black Chevrolet station wagon. He has offered [redacted] but it does not appear that [redacted] will accept this position.

There was a 4-5-6 game on [redacted] at the 5th and Troost location. [redacted] has been gambling frequently at this location during recent weeks and was a winner on this date. CARL CIVELLA and [redacted] were also there, however, not gambling. [redacted] was gambling and was a heavy loser. He broke at least four \$100 bills and when he lost this money he called [redacted] to obtain more.

CI stated that [redacted] now has a [redacted] in his automobile. [redacted] wants to buy a [redacted] but is afraid that if he does so [redacted]

In relation to JOE GURERA, CI stated that GURERA has been visiting an asphalt company known as Paces Blacktop, located on 85th Street near Highway 50. He stated that he has heard the rumor that GURERA is attempting to "muscle in" on this company, however, this has been but a rumor and (he) cannot verify it. (He) has seen GURERA near this location on several occasions.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, KANSAS CITY (92-326)

FROM : *F*  
*mm* SAC, MIAMI (92-1086) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

DATE: 6/4/65

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, AKA  
AR  
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Re Kansas City letter to Miami, 5/18/65.

[redacted] Miami file 92-405. [redacted]  
of JOHN DIOGUARDI, resides at [redacted]  
Miami, Florida. He operates [redacted]  
at [redacted] He meets out of town  
people at [redacted]

*rept 6/5/65*  
The Dream Bar, 71st Street and Collins Avenue,  
Miami, is allegedly owned by PASQUALE MICHAEL ERRA, Miami  
file 92-648.

The Fireside at Ft. Lauderdale is a restaurant  
that is frequented by legitimate persons as well as the  
hoodlum element. It is reportedly operated by  
JIMMIE FAZZIO, formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

All of the above mentioned places are hoodlum  
hangouts as well as respectable businesses.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>esl</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO V. EWING, 12/15/61, Kansas City  
Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau 4/19/62

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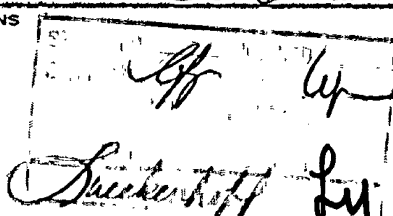
ENCLOSURES

Bureau - Two copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting  
characterization of informants used in this report

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [redacted] who furnished information to SA JOHN H.  
GASSAWAY on the dates indicated

MI T-2 is PCI [redacted] who requested his identity  
be maintained in confidence and who furnished informa-  
tion to SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on the dates indicated

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MI T-3 is PCI [ ] who furnished information to  
SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on the dates indicated

MI T-4 is [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN A.  
HOLTZMAN on the dates indicated

MI T-5 is [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN A.  
HOLTZMAN on the dates indicated

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THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE  
AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

1. Upon receipt of information requested from Chicago in reairtel, determine if any of the Milwaukee passengers on Delta Airlines to Hot Springs and Little Rock 3/23 to 3/25/62 could be identical with the subject and his associates.

2. Consider interview of ANGELO GUARDALABENE, 3021 North Holton Street, employed Talk 'O The Town Tavern, 507 West Wells, re the alleged beating he took on April 20, 1962, by subject and his associates.

3. Continue through informants, fisurs and interviews to keep track of subject's activities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: May 29, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: 92-257

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTIRACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject arrived at Milwaukee around mid-February, 1962 and joined BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO as muscle-men for hoodlum group headed by FRANK BALISTRIERI. They contacted Milwaukee gamblers and demanded payoffs, which are being made, and allegedly cleared this with national hoodlum group through meeting at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 3/62. Unable to verify to date. Have set up payoff spot and observations set out. Background information set out.

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TAILS: AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

A spot check on the residence of BUSTER BALESTRERE, 1634 North Jackson Street, on February 14, 1962, resulted in the following observations by reporting agent. At approximately 12:20 p.m., DE SALVO's 1961 white Pontiac, Wisconsin license B10-870, was parked at the rear of this address and three men, being STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA, were observed to enter the car. They proceeded to the Western Union Office located at 318 East Wisconsin Avenue, where BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed to enter and appeared to be sending a telegram. He then re-entered the car and the three of them went to Gallagher's Restaurant, arriving there at approximately 12:50 p.m.

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Approximately five minutes later, FRANK BALISTRIERI arrived and all of them remained in the restaurant until 3:03 p.m., when the four of them went in BALESTRERE's car to Para Corporation, where they remained for approximately ten minutes.

Later on that evening at approximately 7:10 p.m., BALESTRERE's car was observed on Cass Street and Wisconsin Avenue next to the Juneau Hotel and at 8:30 p.m. it was observed again behind Gallagher's Restaurant.

It was not there at 12:30 a.m. on February 15, but at 2:20 a.m. two individuals were observed to alight from the Pontiac and three remained in it. One of these individuals who left the car was observed to be BALISTRIERI who entered his own car and the other was observed to enter a 1961 Chevrolet, Wisconsin license [redacted] registered to [redacted] BALISTRIERI. [redacted] was tentatively identified as the individual driving this car.

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On March 1, 1962, the Minneapolis Office advised that the following information had been obtained but is available only by issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, which should be directed to the [redacted]

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On February 21, 1962, [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that on February 15, 1962, members of his squad observed FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] and JOE GURERA in conversation at the Holiday House, of which [redacted] is one of the [redacted]. These detectives learned that GURERA is considering opening up an asphalt paving business in Milwaukee.

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On February 28, 1962, [redacted] advised that his men had positively identified a photograph of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, FBI # 4059366, as the person referred to above.

On February 28, 1962, [redacted] also advised that an informant had just learned that GURERA was looking for two houses in Milwaukee because he intended to move to this city and also to bring with him certain relatives.



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The following information was obtained on March 13, 1962, from MI T-2:

JOSEPH FRANK GURERA was interviewed by Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] of the Milwaukee Police Department [redacted] on March 9, 1962, concerning his reason for being in Milwaukee and to obtain personal background data and his connections.

The detectives arranged the interview by calling FRANK BALISTRERI and then met GURERA at the Lakeview Restaurant, 823 East Wisconsin Avenue. In addition to asking him about his background and why he was in Milwaukee, they asked him if he knew why local gamblers stopped all booking activities on March 5, 1962. He said that he knew nothing about it. The informant explained that the detectives had asked this question because they had heard that the gamblers had closed down and there was an inference that they were getting heat from the "syndicate."

MI T-5 confirmed the above information to the effect the interview of subject was arranged through FRANK BALISTRERI and said further that BALISTRERI absolutely refused to permit subject to go to the police department to be interviewed and in addition insisted that subject not be badgered but be "treated like a gentleman."

This informant also advised that BALISTRERI then instructed GURERA to meet the detectives at the Lakeside Restaurant and to advise them that he was in Milwaukee to enter the contracting business because he wanted his children to attend school in Milwaukee.

[redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that the interview was conducted on Friday, March 9, 1962, and that GURERA told the officers that he was in Milwaukee to go into the asphalt business.

MI T-2 advised further on April 6, 1962, that since his arrival in Milwaukee GURERA and FRANK BALISTRERI have made inquiry about going into the rubbish-hauling business. They want to buy a suitable dump site and acquire modern rubbish-hauling equipment. They want someone to front for them who has no criminal record and whose reputation is above reproach. According to informant they desire to dominate the rubbish-

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hauling business once they get started and claim to have sufficient funds for the purpose.

The following information was obtained from MI T-1 on the dates indicated:

Informant said on March 12, 1962, that on the weekend of March 3, 1962, all the gamblers in Milwaukee were called to meetings at different taverns, at which time the subject along with BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO explained to them that gambling was to be organized in Milwaukee and all bookies were to call in their booking action each day to a joint that would be set up by these three individuals. STEVE BUSTER and JOE were to receive one-third of all action and the bookies reacted immediately to these orders by calling their "high placed friends" in such places as Cleveland, California, Chicago and Minneapolis in an effort to get them to intercede. Informant said the gamblers had managed to hold STEVE, BUSTER and JOE off for the time being by having the latter promise not to open their own joint for at least two weeks.

On March 24, 1962, informant said that during the week of March 18, 1962, BUSTER, STEVE and JOE again contacted the gamblers and told them that they would either have to pay a flat sum each week or else one-third of their action.

On March 30, 1962, informant said that these three individuals flew to Hot Springs, Arkansas, over the weekend of March 24, 1962, for the purpose of meeting with eleven or twelve other top individuals in the Italian-American organization from throughout the United States and getting the OK to organize Milwaukee. Informant believed that they did obtain this OK but did not know the identity of the individuals they contacted.

Upon their return, they again notified Milwaukee gamblers that the setup was definite and compliance would be required. They intimated that if the gamblers did not fall in line, one of the gambling leaders would be punished and possibly killed if orders were not complied with.

Informant said that subject along with BUSTER and STEVE plan on opening up their own joint during the early part of April and that [redacted] is returning [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] has been identified as a result of  
investigative activities in other cases as [redacted]  
[redacted] Milwaukee.

In an effort to establish the alleged travel of subject and his associates to Hot Springs or Little Rock, Mrs. [redacted] 5900 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Delta Airlines Company, was contacted by direct telephone line and the following information obtained from her:

Delta runs the only direct service to both Little Rock and Hot Springs, Arkansas, out of Chicago but does not operate out of Milwaukee. Mrs. [redacted] checked but was unable to locate any manifest listing of the above individuals for the period March 23 through March 25, 1962.

The following information was received from Little Rock on May 7, 1962:

Records of logical hotels and motels in Hot Springs, Arkansas, have been checked in an effort to determine if BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA were in Hot Springs from March 24, 1962, to March 28, 1962. No record was located indicating these individuals registered at any of these locations under their true names or known aliases.

Contact with informants and sources and exhibiting of the above individuals' photographs failed to develop any information subjects were observed in Hot Springs.

Records were reviewed of the National Park Service, Hot Springs, with negative results concerning a listing of all individuals taking the thermal baths from March 24, 1962 to March 28, 1962.

On April 27, 1962, a review was made concerning reservations on March 28, 1962, with Delta Airlines, Trans Texas Airways, and Central Airlines, the only lines serving Hot Springs, and no passenger was listed appearing identical with BALESTRERE, DI SALVO or GURERA.

On April 6, 1962, MI T-1 said that subject had been out of town for approximately the past week and believed possibly in Las Vegas, Nevada. He said that subject often goes by the initials "J.G.G." or Mr. J.G.

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It is noted that in another investigation it was learned from MI T-5 that a Mr. J.G.G. left a message for FRANK BALISTRERI at [ ] to contact him at Las Vegas.

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In an effort to verify subject's travel to Las Vegas, contact was had with Mr. [ ] who checked the manifests on direct flights, United Airlines, from Milwaukee to Las Vegas for the period March 27 to April 2, 1962, with negative results.

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Mr. [ ] TWA Reservations Supervisor, made a similar check for TWA flights from Chicago to Las Vegas covering the same period and likewise was unable to locate any record of subject's travel.

On April 6, 1962, MI T-1 said that subject along with BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO would be opening "the office" as soon as the baseball season starts and that [ ] would receive the bets and make the collections and payoffs.

On April 10, 1962, this informant said that on April 9, 1962, the above three individuals had contacted the gamblers personally and collected from \$100 to \$500 from each. At this time informant said that [ ] was expected back in Milwaukee over the coming weekend; that he was returning with [ ], probably in the [ ]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/17/62

The following observations were made on April 16, 1962 in the vicinity of 1012 South 1st Street, which shows the Unity Cleaners with a sign in the window "Under New Management."

During the time from approximately 10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. when this place was under observation, it was noted that the 1962 white over blue Chevrolet, license E 51-896, which is known to be the car of BUSTER BALESTRERE was observed parked in front of this address. Also parked there was a 1952 or 1953 dark green Buick, Wisconsin license U 89-545 (registered to FRED F. KLANCNIK, 4603S61).

During the middle of the afternoon on this date observations were again made at this location and at approximately 3 p.m. a 1961 white Pontiac bearing Wisconsin license [ ] was observed to drive up to the vicinity of 1012 South 1st Street and an individual known to agents as STEVE DI SALVO was observed to enter the address 1012 South 1st Street. He was noted to leave at approximately 4:30 p.m. alone but came out of the address with BUSTER BALESTRERE who, after a short time, returned to 1012 South 1st Street.

During the span of time from approximately 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. the following listed cars were observed to stop at this address and the occupants entered:

1962 blue Chevrolet, license U 56-131; man carrying cleaning; car registered to EUGENE F. SZALEK, 4047 South 3rd Street.

1959 white Cadillac, license [ ] registered to [ ]

1962 black Pontiac, Wisconsin license [ ] registered to [ ]

At approximately 4:45 p.m. a white Chevrolet, Wisconsin license [ ] registered to [ ] pulled up. It was occupied by an elderly man with white hair.

At 5 p.m. an individual entered an old Oldsmobile from above address and departed. The tag number on this car was T 25-533, registered to COSIMO MARZULLO, 1915 South 5th Street.

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On 4/16/62 at Milwaukee, Wis.File # MI 92-165by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN: mgDate dictated 4/17/62

Date 4/18/62

Observation was made at 1012 South 1st Street from approximately 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Upon arriving at the address BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA were observed crossing 1st Street at the intersection of Mineral Street, which is immediately adjacent to above address. At this time the automobile of BUSTER BALESTRERE was parked on 1st Street in front of the address and the automobile of STEVE DI SALVO was parked on Mineral Street to the west of 1st Street. These individuals were not seen again during the above time interval although BALESTRERE's car was not moved. During the above time interval the following automobiles were observed and photographs were taken of the individuals entering 1012 South 1st Street:

[redacted] white Chevrolet, operated by elderly, white-haired man; car registered to [redacted] ✓

Old Buick, license [redacted] registered to [redacted]  
[redacted]

Approximately 1954 tan over brown Oldsmobile, license [redacted] ✓  
registered to [redacted]

Also observed was an elderly man who entered and left the establishment several times, wearing tan car coat and grey cap.

On 4/17/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165  
MI 92-551

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:  
SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN:mg Date dictated 4/18/62

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/19/62

Observations were made at 1012 South 1st Street from approximately 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and photographs were taken of individuals entering or leaving this establishment:

BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DI SALVO's cars were both observed during the time the observations were made and these individuals were likewise seen within the address of 1012 South 1st Street.

BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA went out together to the coffee shop across the street at approximately 5:30 p.m. and shortly thereafter STEVE DI SALVO left this address driving his own car.

A 1959 coral colored Ford two-door occupied by a young man and baby girl and bearing license [redacted], registered to [redacted]

[redacted] The man was observed to enter the establishment with a large bundle of laundry.

On 4/18/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165  
by SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN:  
SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:mg Date dictated 4/19/62

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Date 4/20/62

At 11:30 a.m. a check of 1012 South 1st Street indicated no activity. There appeared to be no activity at this address until approximately 4 p.m. when two unknown men entered the establishment carrying cleaning. Shortly thereafter they both came out. One wore a light jacket and the other wore a dark jacket.

At 4:17 p.m. JOE GURERA could be seen in the establishment through the window. At 4:25 p.m. a picture was taken of a person seen through the window. At 4:40 p.m. a man in an automobile bearing tag [ ] picked up his cleaning and left shortly thereafter. Car registered to [ ]

About 4:40 p.m. 4 pictures were taken of BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DI SALVO and JOE GURERA who were talking in front of the address.

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by SA CLARK E. LOVRIEN:  
SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN: mg Date dictated 4/20/62



Date 5/8/62

At approximately 1 p.m. an individual approximately 30 years old was observed, left a brown Oldsmobile, believed to be 1958 model, bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and entered 1012 South 1st Street carrying a brown attache case. This car is registered to [redacted]

At approximately 3 p.m. an individual approximately 50 years old was observed to leave a new model 4-door Chevrolet bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and enter the establishment at 1012 South 1st Street carrying cleaning. This license is registered to [redacted]

On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # 92-165  
NI 56-257  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:mg Date dictated 5/8/62

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7cDate 4/30/62

At 1:35 p.m. on this date occasion was had to observe an individual leaving an automobile bearing Wisconsin license [redacted] and enter 1012 South 1st Street. This license is registered to [redacted]

On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wis. File # MI 92-165  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN: mg Date dictated 4/30/62

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/9/62

On April 27, 1962, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA were observed alongside Yellow Cab #244 from which they were just alighting in front of 1012 South First Street. A third man, not identified, was still in the cab in the process of alighting.

[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Street, and has been a cab driver for only a week, was contacted after he had left this area and furnished the following information:

At 1:25 p.m., on that date, the dispatcher had called him to make a pickup at 1634 North Jackson Street (known as the residence of BUSTER BALESTRERE and temporary residence of JOE GURERA). He said he took two men from this residence to 1012 South First Street, arriving at 1:35 p.m.

Photographs of BUSTER BALESTRERE, JOE GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO were shown to [redacted] along with a group of non-pertinent photographs, and he was unable to pick out the photographs of the individuals who had ridden in his cab.

On 4/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN esl Date dictated 5/3/62

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In addition to the information set out heretofore as to observations at 1012 South First, spot checks were made on May 16, 17, and 21, but subject was not observed.

On April 12, 1962, [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON that on April 5, 1962, two officers of the Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, were watching Gallagher's Restaurant about midnight. They observed STEVE DE SALVO's car with STEVE driving and JOE GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE in the back seat with an unidentified person between them. FRANK BALISTRERI was taking something out of his own car and as the officers turned around to get in position, DE SALVO's car left with five occupants (the fifth apparently being FRANK BALISTRERI). They followed it to 1833 North Prospect and the five persons went into this address for fifteen to twenty minutes and then returned downtown. They checked out the fifth individual who was unknown to them at the time and determined he was [redacted] an attorney with offices at [redacted] who said he operated the [redacted]

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It was determined that on April 18, 1962, telephone service was ordered by letter for [redacted] at this address. The phone, which was to be private with an unlisted number - [redacted] was ordered by an individual giving the name of [redacted]

On May 4, 1962, reporting agent observed a foreign type car bearing Wisconsin license K 38-744 at this address. Motor Vehicle Department records show that this license is issued to JULIAN G. ORLANDINI, 1833 North Prospect.

On April 23, 1962, MI T-3 said that on the previous night he had [redacted] that on the night of April 20, 1962, ANGELO V. GUARDALABENE of the Talk 'O The Town Tavern, 507 West Wells Street, was taken for a ride and beaten up. Informant was not clear as to whether the assault had been ordered by GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO, or whether they had done it themselves. Informant said there was also some garbled information having to do with a possible threat against the father of ANGELO GUARDALABENE.

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The following information was received on April 17, 1962, from MI T-4:

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Informant said that JOE GURERA was here from Kansas City, having been called here by FRANK BALISTRIERI and that his purpose in being here was to put the muscle on local gamblers for \$100 a week.

According to informant, as of the date of interview, they have insisted on payoffs only from the Italian gamblers so far as the non-Italian gamblers, [redacted] have stated that they "won't pay." Informant said that, although the gamblers are mad, they have knuckled under and are just starting to book again. Informant said that he was aghast at the audacity of GURERA and DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRIERE because they are so open about applying muscle, even though a Federal Grand Jury is in progress and the heat is being put on by the FBI and the Police Department.

Informant said that the change, namely, bringing GURERA in and openly muscling gamblers in Milwaukee, has occurred since FRANK BALISTRIERI took over from JOHN ALIOTO. Informant said that FRANK BALISTRIERI draws his power from Chicago connections and that he goes down to Chicago about once a week. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI is strictly staying out of the picture and letting JOE GURERA operate for him.

The following information was received from Kansas City on May 14, 1962, as a result of investigative efforts on the part of that office conducted during the period July 10, 1959 through April 18, 1962:

"JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, born 7/5/25, Kansas City, Missouri, and has resided Kansas City entire life; resides 9021 Delmar Street, Overland Park, Kansas. From 1951 to 1959 was co-owner Midway Paving Company, Kansas City, Mo. GURERA known to associate with criminal element in Kansas City, including NICHOLAS and CARL CIVELLA, [redacted] JOHN MANGIARACINA,

[redacted] GURERA indicted for arson, Jackson County Grand Jury, Kansas City, Mo., 9/5/58; indictment dismissed 3/4/59 at request of prosecutor. Subject attempted to obtain one-third interest in two taverns in Kansas City in May, 1960 without capital investment. Subject, with JOHN MANGIARACINA, alleged to be taking baseball bets and making book during 1960."

On February 6, 1962, SA [redacted] advised that on the basis of previous information developed that GURERA is operating

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a self service laundry at Leavenworth, Kansas, records of the Credit Bureau of Leavenworth were checked and the following information obtained:

Subject, as JOE F. GURERA, [redacted] and four dependent children, resides at 9021 Delmar, Overland Park, Kansas, and is listed in the credit records as of September, 1961 as self-employed at a laundromat at 701 Metropolitan, Leavenworth, Kansas. In a report dated September 22, 1961, for the Leavenworth Mutual Building and Loan, it is reported subject was buying a residence at 2818 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Mo. He had a listed income of \$10,000 per year. The First National Bank of Leavenworth reported in March, 1959 a credit (appears to be a loan) of \$13,000 on which there was a balance of \$10,763, with a two-months delinquency in payments. This was in the name of GURERA and [redacted]

On April 18, 1962, SA [redacted] checked records of the Eugene D. Brown Realty Co., 8109 Metcalf, Overland Park, Kansas, which reflect the subject as JOE G. GURERA had listed his home, located at 9021 Delmar, for sale with the Brown Realty Co. for a total price of \$54,950. The records pertaining to this home showed that the reason this house was being sold was that GURERA was transferring to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This home was listed as being three years old and that the balance on this home to date was \$23,675. This home is financed through the City Wide Mortgage Company, Kansas City, Mo., showing that the first 18 payments were at \$330 each and that beginning with the 19th payment, the payments were \$172 (not including interest and taxes).

On the same day, SA [redacted] drove by the above described residence and noted that the house was empty and there was a "For Sale" sign on the front lawn in the name of Eugene Brown Realty Company.

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Following is the identification record for JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, received by the Kansas City Office from the Identification Division of the Bureau June 1, 1959, under FBI # 4 059 366:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD Kans City Mo	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	3/17/44	inv check up	
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	6/23/44	inv check up	6/24/44 rel by arr off on chg of inv
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	7/7/44	inv check up	7/8/44 rel at request of arresting off
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	7/17/44	inv burg	7/18/44 rel by arr off on chg of inv
PD Kans City Kans	Joe Frank Gurera #9831	7/6/44	vag & susp burg & L	
PD Kans City Mo	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	7/28/44	Inv check up	7/29/44 rel by Frox no evidence on chg of inv
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	10/23/44	Inv	10/23/44 rel by Chief of Det
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	12/9/44	inv	12/11/44 rel by arr officer
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	3/21/45	inv	3/21/45 rel by Vice
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	11/12/45	inv	11/13/45 rel by Homicide
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	3/16/46	inv	3/16/46 rel by arr off.

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Date Arrested</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
PD Kans City No	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	4/26/46	inv susp murder	
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	1/19/47	inv molestation	1/19/47 rel by Hom.
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	9/13/47	inv.	9/13/47 rel by arr off.
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	5/9/50	inv.	5/10/50 disch on chg of vag
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	5/10/50	inv	
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	8/24/50	inv	
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	8/28/50	inv	
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	10/23/50	inv check recent act	10/23/50 rel req of arr off
"	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	2/4/52	Inv check recent act	2/5/52, rel by Rob. Bur. for want of pros.
"	Joe Frank Gurera #46592	2/17/52	inv. gambl- ing	2/19/52, Disch Freq. & Gamb. \$15 Xpr. on chg of Inv freq & Gamb.
"	Joe Frank Gurera	6/5/52	Inv check on recent holdups	6/5/52 rel GA Bur
PD Kans City No	Joseph Frank Gurera #46592	2/14/54	inv check recent actv	2/24/54 di on chg of gamb freq



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Contributor of  
Fingerprints

PD Kans City  
Mo.

Name and Number

Joseph Frank  
Gurera #46592

Date  
Arrested

7/20/55

Charge

inv chk rec  
actv & burg  
& holdups

Disposition

\$26 #1  
8/22/55 on  
chg of inv  
speed

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A check of the Records and Identification Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, on April 3, 1962, by SA WILLIAM C. COMPTON, showed the following arrests:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
11/26/39	Attempted Burg.	1 yr at McCune 11/29/39
8/2/42	Vag.	Disch Pa 8/3/42
5/21/43	Gambling	\$5, 5/24/43
7/30/44	Hit and Run	\$100, 7/31/44
8/7/44	Cars. Driving	\$10, 8/8/44
10/15/44	Gambling	\$1.00, 10/18/44
10/16/45	Disturbing Peace	\$10, 10/19/45
11/4/45	Gamb. & Freq.	\$5 Freq. Disch-Part #2 11/8/45
4/6/47	Speeding	\$10 & 1 day TS 4/12/47
9/20/47	Gambling	\$2, 9/22/47
10/21/47	Gambling	\$5, 10/27/47
1/15/48	Traffic Warrant	Paid 1/22/48
3/21/48	Freq. - Gambling	Freq. \$5. Gambling Disch 3/25/48
4/24/50	Make left turn No City Auto Lic.	\$3.00 Disc-Failure to Display 4/25/50
5/19/50	Speed	\$5, 5/24/50
4/17/52	No State Dr. Lic.	Not for Court
7/4/52	Dist. Peace	60 days, 7/5/52
8/1/53	Dist. Peace	90 days, 8/3/53

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
10/16/53	Execution	Rel by Welfare Dept 10/16/53
4/13/54	Speed	\$10, 4/15/54
8/4/54	Speed	\$11, 8/9/54
4/19/55	Speed	\$11, 4/25/55
3/28/56	St Warrant Wife & Child Aband.	
	Wanted	Cancelled
6/1/57	Speed	\$11, 6/5/57
9/5/58	Indict by Grand Jury	M-90991 Arson
2/23/59	Speed	Disch 6/19/59
1/18/60	Speeding	Disch 2/19/60
2/2/60	Bench Warrant #69032	Cancelled
6/6/60	Inv. Recent Act. Hold for <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	Rel. 6/6/60
9/1/60	Invest. St. Warrant W & C Aband.	9/15/60 dismissed Compl. did not appear Mag. CHERKOW for BLACKBURN

The following identification data was obtained from the record:

Name	JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
Sex	Male
Race	Italian
Born	7/4/25, Kansas City, Mo.
Height	5'9
Weight	170

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Residence

FBI #

Kansas City, Mo. PD#

Relatives

2818 E. 8th, Kansas City, Mo.

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Father: Deceased

Mother: ELIZABETH OLIVER

400 Olive, Kansas City,  
Missouri

Associates

CARL DE LUNA; JOHNNY

MANGIARACINA;

CARL CIVELLA

Previous Addresses

911 E. 24th; 537 Forest;

2818 E. 8th, all Kansas City,  
Mo.

9021 Delmar, Overland Park,  
Kansas



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**

**May 29, 1962**

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **MI 92-257**

Title **JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

Character **ANTIRACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
at Milwaukee dated and captioned  
as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MILWAUKEE</b>	DATE <b>8/13/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/13 - 8/1/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JOSEPH FRANK GUNERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>abt</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, dated  
5/29/62 at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To the Bureau, two copies letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY on the dates indicated.

MI T-2 is [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on the dates indicated.

APPROVED

SPECIAL AGENT  
IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

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1-USA, Milwaukee  
2-Milwaukee (92-257)

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## DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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MI T-3 is PCI [ ] who furnished information to SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON on the dates indicated.

MI T-4 is [ ], who furnished information to SA JOHN M. GATTIS, Jr. on the dates indicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information as to the contact reported by the PD between [ ] was furnished to IRS, Inspection Service, and the OCDE Office upon receipt.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1. In the event subject is observed to go to out of state race tracks to booking endeavor; this verify by personal observation.
2. Determine whether subject is demanding and getting protective money from Milwaukee night spots and taverns. Suggest former PCI, [ ] is contact.
3. Continue to follow subject's activities through fisurs, interviews, and informants and endeavor to tie him in to the believed interstate gambling operation reported herein.
4. Report information from other offices requested by separate communication.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: USA, MILWAUKEE

Report of: SA JOHN H. HOLTZMAN  
Date: August 13, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Unable to verify travel of the subject, Chicago to Arkansas 3/23-25/62. Results of Milwaukee PD and Bureau Agents' observations of subject's activity set out. Informants say subject a front man for FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI and is collecting pay offs from gamblers and has set up a telephone booking joint in Milwaukee.

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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 15, 1962, Mrs. [redacted] Delta Airlines Reservation Center, 59 East Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that she had checked the flight manifests for March 23, 23, and 25, 1962, reflecting flights from Chicago to Arkansas. Inasmuch as all flight manifests are kept one month and then destroyed, the pertinent manifests were not available. She did, however, exhibit IEM cards from which the actual teletype flight manifests are made and as a result, the following check was made by SA [redacted]. The flights for March 23, 1962, and March 24, 1962, were checked and involved the following flights:

D495, Chicago to Hot Springs, except Sunday.

D463, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs.

D835, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs, Saturday only.

D845, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs, except Saturday



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D465, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs.

D753, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs.

D667, Chicago to Little Rock to Hot Springs.

D683, Chicago to Memphis to Hot Springs.

D47, Chicago to Memphis to Little Rock, except Sunday.

Subsequently, on May 22, 1962, the above flights were checked for March 25, 1962.

The above check of the records failed to reflect any passenger by the name of JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE or STEVE DE SALVO.

Upon completion of the above record check, it was pointed out to Mrs. [ ] that no information had been developed that any of the passengers were actually from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who flew to Hot Springs or Little Rock during the pertinent period. Many of the IBM cards were exhibited to her reflecting little or no information regarding the passenger other than the name and a telephone number in the Chicago area. Mrs. [ ] stated that in view of the fact that many of the passengers originate their flight at Chicago and the possibility exists that various passengers could have come to Chicago from Milwaukee by various forms of transportation, it would be impossible to state for certainty each passenger's residence. She pointed out that many of the names were merely last names and exhibited various IBM cards that had a name followed by a hotel such as the Palmer House, and a telephone number where he could be reached. She explained by stating that the reservation girls seldom if ever obtain actual residence addresses unless volunteered by the passengers and therefore, usually only a phone number would be recorded. She further stated that she believed such travel information at best could be gotten from an origin station such as Milwaukee or a destination station such as Little Rock or Hot Springs, providing the individuals originated a return flight from their destination.

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

On June 25, 1962, [ ] Milwaukee PD, advised that on May 28, 1962, men of his

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squad observed a 1960 Fordor Impala, white over blue, Missouri license BC 5-274 parked in the vicinity of Gallagher's Restaurant, which is operated by FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI who is the subject of an Anti Racketeering investigation. Gallagher's Restaurant is located in downtown Milwaukee. The Special Squad determined that the above license is registered to ANTHONY MANGIACINA, 221 Park Street, Kansas City, Missouri. The Special Squad then corresponded with the Kansas City PD, which furnished the Milwaukee PD with the identification record, description, and photo of the subject and stated that he was known to the entire Sicilian underworld in Kansas City and was known in the Chicago area with reference to narcotics.

On July 12, 1962, [redacted] Milwaukee PD, advised that surveillance was conducted on the night of July 9, 1962, by members of his Squad.

The following observations were made:

At 8:50 PM there were observed at 2608 East Newport, residence of JOE GURERA, the cars of FRANK BALISTRIERI, JOE GURERA and Unity Cleaners.

At 8:55 PM, GURERA's car was entered by a young man, believed to be [redacted]. He drove to FRANK BALISTRIERI's home, 3043 North Shepard. There, a man entered the car which then proceeded to [redacted] the home of [redacted] [redacted] At [redacted] the passenger left the car and entered the house. The driver stayed in the car. While the surveilling officers were maneuvering their car for a better position, GURERA's car left unobserved.

At 9:30 PM, FRANK BALISTRIERI's car left GURERA's home.

At 9:40 PM, the 1962 tan sedan, [redacted] license, [redacted] was observed at the home of BUSTER BALESTRERE, 1634 North Jackson.

At 9:50 PM, the officers observed the following cars at BUSTER's house: FRANK BALISTRIERI's, PETER BALISTRIERI's, [redacted] BUSTER's and a light green 1962 Chevrolet, [redacted] which is allegedly listed to [redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

b6  
b7cDate July 24, 1962

The following observations relative to JOE GURERA were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and other Agents as indicated on the dates and at the times and places noted:

On July 3, 1962, GURERA's automobile, a 1962 pearl gray Chevrolet, Wisconsin license E60784, was observed parked in the driveway of his residence. At 1:10 PM on this date he was observed to leave in the car and proceed to 1012 South 1st Street, Milwaukee, and arrive there at 1:42 PM, at which time STEVE DI SALVO was noted to be already there.

This address was kept under observation, and at 2:20 PM, DI SALVO and GURERA came out in front of the address, at which time a 1957 blue Ford arrived, and both of these individuals walked over to the car and talked to the driver for two or three minutes. The car was noted to bear current [redacted] (registered to [redacted]). At 2:25 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO left in GURERA's car. They were not followed.

On July 6, 1962, at 11:40 AM, GURERA, along with BUSTER BALESTRERE, was observed at the front desk located at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:52 AM, a 1962 Buick, bearing current [redacted] license [redacted], arrived, and the driver went inside and was observed to converse with GURERA and BALESTRERE. This individual left at 11:57 AM. (Car registered to [redacted])

At 12:34 PM, STEVE DI SALVO arrived at this address, driving his car, a 1961 white Pontiac, Wisconsin license A75995. He was accompanied by an unknown man and an unknown woman, who are described as follows: the man was approximately 55 years of age, 5' 9", 165 lbs., flabby appearance, thinning black hair, fat cheeks, dark eyes, pallid complexion. The woman was approximately 40 years of age and blonde.

The man and STEVE DI SALVO left the car and went in to 1012 South 1st Street until 12:44 PM, at which time they departed. They returned at 1:03 PM at which time GURERA came out to the car, which was parked on the east side of 1st Street to the south of 1012 South 1st Street. BUSTER BALESTRERE came out of the door but did not go to the car. BUSTER, STEVE and JOE then went into 1012 South 1st, and STEVE and JOE were observed talking together at the

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desk out of the immediate presence of BALESTRERE. STEVE had some paper which he was exhibiting to GURERA. It was in the form of a tear-out sheet from a sales book and was noted to have a carbon back.

At 1:11 PM, GURERA and DI SALVO went to DI SALVO's car and joined the unknown man and woman, who had remained in the car. BUSTER BALESTRERE went to the street with them, and they waved him to come along, but he declined. They were surveilled as they proceeded south out of Milwaukee on Highway 38, but the surveillance was discontinued at Mitchell Field Airport as they continued south.

At 2:25 PM, it was noted that BUSTER BALESTRERE was still at 1012 South 1st Street, and he remained there until 3:30 PM when the observation was discontinued.

On July 11, 1962, at 10:30 AM, it was observed that STEVE DI SALVO was at 1012 South 1st Street. At 11:06 AM, on this date, JOE GURERA's automobile was observed parked in the driveway of his residence and was kept under observation until 11:44 AM at which time FRANK BALISTRERI drove up to GURERA's residence, and GURERA joined him in BALISTRERI's 1959 Cadillac. They proceeded to 1012 South 1st Street and picked up DI SALVO at 11:59 AM after he had parked his automobile on a lot adjacent to this address at the intersection of South 1st and West Mineral Street.

The three of them proceeded to Arlington Park Race Track at Palatine, Illinois, where the surveillance was discontinued at 1:55 PM. During the time they were leaving Milwaukee, Special Agent RICHARD C. THOMPSON was contacted by radio and joined in the surveillance to Illinois.

On July 12, 1962, at two PM, the following automobiles were observed at the rear of BUSTER BALESTRERE's residence, 1634 North Jackson Street: BALESTRERE's Chevrolet, 1962 white over blue, bearing Wisconsin license E51896; GURERA's Chevrolet; PETER BALISTRERI's Oldsmobile; a 1959 tan Mercury station wagon, [redacted] (registered to [redacted]); a 1960 white over light blue Chevrolet, [redacted] (registered to [redacted]).

At 8:40 PM on July 12, 1962, BUSTER BALESTRERE's Chevrolet, [redacted] Chevrolet, [redacted] Mercury and a truck from Unity Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street, were observed behind BALESTRERE's home. At 11:30 PM, the only cars left there were

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BUSTER's Chevrolet and [ ] Chevrolet. [ ] Mercury was observed at Gallagher's Restaurant; and GURERA's Chevrolet and the Unity Cleaners truck were observed at GURERA's home.

Also observed at this time in the immediate vicinity of GURERA's residence were a 1961 Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license E65535 (registered to Wheels Inn, 6200 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago) and a 1962 blue Chevrolet, Massachusetts license R89-829. At 3:30 AM on this same night (July 12-13), these cars were still parked at the same spot plus which there was an older Chevrolet, approximately 1955, bearing [ ] (registered to [ ] [ ]).

On Sunday, July 15, 1962, at 11:45 AM, SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM had occasion to go past GURERA's home at which time GURERA's car was noted to be parked in his driveway. Parked in front of his residence was a 1958 Chevrolet panel truck bearing name of [ ] and bearing [ ] (registered to [ ] [ ]).

The driver of the car was not present, but there was an Italian-appearing man in the passenger seat, being approximately 30 years of age, having black wavy hair.

It is known to Agents that [ ] is operated by [ ] who is very active as a bookie in the city of Milwaukee.

Also parked in front of GURERA's home at this time was a 1959 light blue Ford, bearing [ ] (registered to [ ] [ ]).

At 4:30 PM on this date, observation was again made of GURERA's address at which time it was observed that there was a 1962 blue Chevrolet, Wisconsin license J53042 (registered to Milwaukee Car Lease, care of Pratt Manufacturing Company, 3097 West Mill Road).

On July 16, 1962, at 11:45 AM, GURERA was observed in his Chevrolet, which was being serviced and filled with gasoline at the Star Gasoline Station across the Street from 1012 South 1st Street. He was then observed to drive across the street, park his car and enter 1012 South 1st Street and immediately made a telephone call. At 1:45 PM, on this date, his car was noted to be still parked, and although he was not personally seen, BUSTER BALESTRERE was seen in the window of Acino Cleaners, 1012 South 1st Street.

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On July 17, 1962, at 12:30 AM, the following observations were made at GURERA's residence by Agents HOLTZMAN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM. GURERA's car was parked in the driveway, and the following listed cars were parked in front of his residence: 1959 Ford, [redacted] (registered to [redacted]); 1962 Chevrolet, Wisconsin license B65-535 (registered to Wheels Inn., 6200 Northwestern Avenue, Chicago, Illinois); 1962 Chevrolet bearing [redacted] (registered to [redacted]); and a 1962 Chevrolet bearing [redacted] (registration not known.)

Date August 13, 1962

The following observations were made on August 1, 1962, by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

At 11:50 AM, JOE GURERA was observed at 1012 South First Street with BUSTER BALESTRERE.

At 12 noon, GURERA came out of the above address and STEVE DE SALVO met him at the corner of Mineral and South First Street. They drove in DE SALVO's automobile to 27th and National, where they ate at Skow's Restaurant.

At 12:30 PM they left the restaurant and drove to 15th and Wells, entering West Side Tap, 1513 West Wells Street, at 12:41 PM. They remained there until 12:51 PM and departed and went to Gallagher's Steak House.

At 12:35 PM it was noted that BUSTER BALESTRERE was still at 1012 South First Street.

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/sbt Date dictated 8/7/62

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

The records of Dun and Bradstreet were examined on August 1, 1962 relative to the West Side Tavern, and a 1955 report shows that this trade name was started in 1944 by GEORGE ANAGONSTOPOULOS, who was single, born in Greece in 1901, and came to the United States in 1914 and was previously employed as a bartender at local taverns until 1944 when he bought the property at 1513 West Wells Street.

The financial information obtained in the above report showed that the owner had a net worth of \$60,000 as of that time, including a \$43,000 in stocks, mostly railroad stocks.



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MI T-1 advised on May 13, 1962, that subject, along with STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, were still operating 1012 South First Street, using this location as a collection joint but definitely not as a bookie joint. Informant said that these individuals are collecting money from Italian gamblers, some of whom are paying off at other places rather than at 1012 South First Street. Informant is of the opinion that although not taking a part in any of the activities, FRANK BALISTRIERI is the man behind the scenes and is receiving a major portion of the pay off.

MI T-1 also said that around the first of May a 'muscle man', name unknown, from St. Louis, Missouri was in the company of STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and the subject at Gallagher's for the second time in the past six weeks.

On June 1, 1962, informant said that pay offs continue at 1012 South First Street, which place is actually being operated as a cleaning establishment by GUS MARZOLLO with [redacted] taking the gambling pay offs.

At this time informant also said that [redacted] and [redacted] were now operating a [redacted] book for the subject, DE SALVO and BALESTRERE.

Informant said that the subject is now making all decisions on behalf of FRANK BALISTRIERI and Italian hoodlums contact him concerning policy, permission to operate, etc.

On July 23, 1962, MI T-1 said that by this time he has personally arrived at the decision that subject is taking over for the Kansas City organization. He said that the pay offs continue at 1012 South First Street, and that booking operations are continuing from a south side location that he did not know the "line" being obtained daily by [redacted]. Informant said that subject and STEVE DE SALVO have been going to Arlington Race Track in Illinois on a daily basis and booking in the club house and paying \$50 each per day to someone in the club for permission to run the book. Informant also said that GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE have now come upon

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the idea of collecting money for protection from taverns and night spots in Milwaukee.

The activity of [redacted]  
[redacted] have been under intensive investigation in connection with another inquiry and all of them have been observed in the area of 3014 West Pierce Street, where [redacted] is in the name of [redacted] with telephones installed in the name of [redacted] and in the name of [redacted]. [redacted] has been observed on several occasions waiting for and receiving a telephone call at a public phone where sufficient amounts of the conversation were overheard to indicate that he was receiving the 'line'.

COPYDate June 29, 1962

The following observations were made by reporting agents:

At 11:35 AM, STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA were observed in STEVE's car to stop in front of 1012 South 1st Street. They did not get out of the car, and remained there only for a matter of two or three minutes. They then proceeded west on Mineral Street to 24th, and then to National Avenue to 29th Street, and north to Pierce Street. They stopped in front of 3014 West Pierce Street and DE SALVO entered this address while GURERA stayed in the car at 11:45 AM.

At 11:52 AM DE SALVO returned, and they drove back to 1012 South First Street, where they parked DE SALVO's car on Mineral Street at First and entered 1012 South First Street.

At 11:55 AM they left this address with two other men in a 1962 white Buick. [redacted] registered to [redacted]

They picked up a fifth individual at the intersection of 13th and Oklahoma Avenue at 12:05 PM and then drove to Sportaman's Park, Palatino, Illinois, arriving there at approximately 1:55 PM.

The description of the three individuals who accompanied DE SALVO and GURERA is as follows:

The driver of the above Buick was approximately 50 years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds, very dark complexion, wearing olive brown suit.

The second man who left with them was 19 or 20 years of age, 5'11", 170 pounds, dark hair, fair complexion, wearing slacks and white shirt.

The individual picked up at 13th and Oklahoma was approximately 30 years of age, 6', 220 pounds, light brown hair, crew cut.

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On 6/27/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165  
by SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM & SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/jb/sbt Date dictated 6/28/62

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MI T-4 said that GURERA has definitely sold his home in Overland Park in Kansas and has moved with his family to Milwaukee. Informant said he believed GURERA left the Kansas City area because the "clique" no longer had any use for him there. According to informant, GURERA has never been anything more than a "Strong arm boy" in Kansas City. Informant said that [redacted] is supposed to be from Milwaukee and have relatives residing there.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. **MI 92-257**

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Milwaukee, Wisconsin**  
**August 13, 1962**

Title **JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

Character **ANTI RACKETEERING**

Reference **Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN**  
**at Milwaukee dated and captioned**  
**as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>Milwaukee</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>Milwaukee</b>	DATE <b>10/15/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>5/22/62 - 9/25/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN</b>	TYPED BY <b>bs</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

REFERENCE

Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN, 8/13/62, at Milwaukee.

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ENCLOSURES

To Bureau: Two copies letterhead memorandum characterizing informants.

LEADSTHE MILWAUKEE DIVISION:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

1. Report information from other offices, which has been requested by separate communications.

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2. Continue to follow Subject's activities through  
fisurs, interviews and informants with a view to  
developing specific violations of federal laws.

INFORMANTS

[REDACTED]

MI T-4 is [REDACTED]

MI T-5 is [REDACTED]

MI T-6 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information  
to SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON;

MI T-7 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA JOHN  
A. HOLTZMAN on the dates indicated.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: October 15, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

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Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject and associates, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, quit booking at Arlington Race Track in Illinois [redacted] Local booking activities continued until raided by local police on 9/5/62. Subject and STEVE DE SALVO stumbled on the scene during the raid with DE SALVO being arrested and charged with commercial gambling; unsuccessful in charging Subject. Meetings with out of town hoodlums and information re Subject's travels set out. Individuals from out of town who have been observed in company of the Subject include "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO and ROCCO FISCHETTI from Chicago; also, [redacted] ANTHONY MANGARACINA and [redacted] of Kansas City. Subject and associates continue to make tribute-type collections from local gamblers and bookmakers and also from several Milwaukee night spot operators.

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DETAILS:

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

MI T-1 advised on August 1, 1962, that Subject, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE, who had been going to Arlington Race Track to book horse races in the clubhouse there, had stopped doing so [redacted]

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of a [redacted]

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MI T-2 advised on August 1, 1962, that Subject had on [redacted]

[redacted] On August 17, 1962, informant said that [redacted] had returned from Kansas City within a week after they left with some money, and while he does not know the amount they brought back he does know that it was obtained from the Kansas City outfit and that after [redacted] the Subject [redacted]

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Informant said on August 1, 1962, that he was of the firm opinion that the Milwaukee outfit is run by Kansas City as evidenced by GURERA's activities in Milwaukee. He pointed out that there were two individuals unknown to him in Milwaukee from Kansas City during the latter part of July conferring with the Subject and, furthermore, that GURERA was meeting [redacted] at some place [redacted]

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Informant said that all indications are that Milwaukee is broke and Kansas City is helping them out financially. The informant pointed out that Milwaukee is controlled to a certain extent by FELIX "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO of Chicago and that "Milwaukee Phil" has interests and good connections in Kansas City. He pointed out that "Milwaukee Phil" is a close friend of ROCCO FISCHETTI of Chicago, who also has strong Kansas City ties.

The informant advised on August 17, 1962, that "Milwaukee Phil" had [redacted] and attended a [redacted]

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[redacted] Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, advised on August 10, 1962, that on the previous night, August 9, Detectives [redacted] and [redacted] had observed "Milwaukee Phil" ALDERISIO, [redacted] from Kansas City in the company of the Subject, FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO. This gathering took place in the Red Lion Room of the Kaiser Knickerbocker Hotel.

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On September 9, 1962, MI T-2 said that Subject had gone to [redacted] for some sort of hoodlum meeting. On September 14, 1962, informant said that Subject [redacted] to attend a meeting at [redacted] on that date, which meeting was attended by [redacted]

[redacted]  
Informant also said that on [redacted] there was a meeting held at [redacted]. At this meeting were the Subject, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE.

#### At Kansas City

With regard to ANTHONY MANGARACINA, who had been observed at Gallagher's Restaurant on May 28, 1962, by officers of the Milwaukee Police Department, the following information was furnished:

He was indicted September, 1959, by a Jackson County (Missouri) Grand Jury on charges of stealing a motor vehicle. The jury found him guilty February 3, 1960, and he was sentenced to one year in jail plus \$1000 fine. The sentence was affirmed by the Supreme Court, and on January 2, 1962, he began serving this sentence and was released on conditional parole May 22, 1962, for period of two years.

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In August, 1954, he was described by Detective [redacted] Kansas City Police Department, as one of a group of active burglars in the Kansas City area. During this period of time joint investigation by the Kansas City Police Department and the Kansas City FBI Office disclosed that a number of business places and individuals were fencing stolen merchandise and included in the list of such places was the Sherman Drugstore, 901 Locust Street, operated by TONY MANGARACINA, [redacted]

MI T-4 advised on October 9, 1952, that [redacted] Tony and Eggle's Coffee Shop, 4112 Troost. Informant said that [redacted] hang out a great deal at the Tip Top Coffee Shop, 2339 Independence Avenue, which informant described as a meeting place for the east end gang and as a place where a great deal of gambling occurs.

MI T-5 advised on August 15, 1962, that [redacted] is active as a bookie with [redacted] This booking operation is under cover of Acme Jobbers, 1919 Main Street, Kansas City, the same building as houses Giovanni's Restaurant owned by JOHN MANGARACINA. Acme Jobbers, according to the informant, is an outlet for stolen merchandise.

JOHN MANGARACINA has long been identified in the Kansas City area as a top hoodlum figure.

On July 12 through 17, 1962, a car registered to JOHN E. ADNEY, 9911 Blue Ridge, Hickman Mills, Missouri (Kansas City), was observed in Milwaukee at Subject's residence.

Kansas City advised August 15, 1962, that [redacted] is occupied by [redacted]

On August 13, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, made available to SA JAMES F. GLONEK credit records regarding [redacted] In a report prepared on January 12, 1959, it is indicated that JOHN E. ADNEY and [redacted] were residing at 7400 Wabash with four children. ADNEY had been in the Kansas City area for two years as a career Navy man stationed at the Olathe Naval Air Station. He was also working part-time in the Katz Drugstore, where [redacted]

[redacted]

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A newspaper article in this file reflects that JOHN E. ADNEY, an Aviation Ordnance man in the Navy, died on April 10, 1960, at Tacoma, Washington, of a cerebral thrombosis. Relatives were listed as follows: Mrs.

[redacted] parents, Mr. and Mrs. CLARK ADNEY, Everett, Washington: [redacted]

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At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

> On August 24, 1962, Detective [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, advised SA RICHARD C. THOMPSON that on August 15, 1962, [redacted] was observed emerging from GURERA's home and was stopped and questioned by an officer. [redacted] told the officer that he was moving to Milwaukee to [redacted]

[redacted] He said that he had previously worked for [redacted] and he admitted only to traffic arrests. He was driving a 1960 Chevrolet, white over red, convertible, [redacted] license [redacted]

On September 21, 1962, MI T-2 said that [redacted] is from Kansas City and a member of the Italian outfit there as well as a life-long friend of GURERA. He said that [redacted] is [redacted] and that [redacted] is working as a supervisor in this department.

According to informant, [redacted] has been sent to Milwaukee by the Kansas City outfit to help GURERA organize and to help the Milwaukee outfit make some money.

Date August 22, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

On August 10, 1962, at 10:40 AM, the automobiles of JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE were parked at 1012 South First Street. At this time an individual was observed leaving but is not known to have emerged from this address. His car was parked immediately in front of the address and in front of BUSTER BALESTRERE's car. The car was a 1957 white Cadillac, bearing [redacted] license [redacted] registered to [redacted]. The driver was described as 55 years of age, 6'2", 240 lbs., light brown hair.

On August 12, at 4:45 PM, an Acino Cleaners truck, the Subject's Chevrolet, and a 1962 blue Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license B65-535, was observed to be parked in front of GURERA's residence, 2608 East Newport. The above license is registered to Wheels, Inc., 6200 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

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On 8/10-12/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/16/62

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1.Date September 4, 1962

Mrs. [redacted] Wheels Incorporated, 6200 North Western Avenue, Chicago, located a file indicating that a 1961 Chevrolet bearing 1962 Wisconsin plates E65535, is leased to the Chicago and North Western Railroad, 400 West Madison, Chicago. Mrs. [redacted] stated that this vehicle which is further described as a four-door, six cylinder, Biscayne model, blue in color, having serial number 11169J117648, was originally leased from Wheels Incorporated, by the Chicago and North Western Railroad on November 3, 1960. She stated that the car, since April 11, 1961, has been assigned to, and driven by [redacted] care of Chicago and North Western Railroad, 196 South Jackson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On 8/27/62 at Chicago, Illinois File # 166-71by SA [redacted] NAM Date dictated 8/28/62

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On August 30, 1962, MI T-2 advised that Subject had met during the early part of August with [redacted] of [redacted] who is a top syndicate man and headquartered at the [redacted] makes a [redacted] to pay off on gambling profits at [redacted].

On August 6, 1962, MI T-6 stated that Subject with [redacted] also known as [redacted], hung out with [redacted] at Camel's Tap between State Street and VanBuren.

MI T-3 stated that this tavern is a hangout for [redacted] being immediately adjacent to the S&L Cleaners, which [redacted] on the corner of State and VanBuren Streets. Informant said that JOE GURERA goes to this tavern at approximately weekly intervals to collect a \$100 pay off [redacted] but other than this informant does not believe that GURERA hangs out at Camel's Tap.

MI T-3 said that a number of Milwaukee gamblers are in the dog house with GURERA, FRANK BALISTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE because when the gamblers had originally been approached for weekly pay offs in order to conduct operation they had bucked the outfit and had called prominent members in Cleveland, Kansas City, Chicago and California to intercede for them. He said those gamblers were JOE GAGLIANO, FRANK SANSONE, [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said that the gamblers were not able to get relief, and [redacted]

[redacted]. Informant reported that DE SALVO and GURERA had suggested several times the possibility of [redacted]

MI T-3 stated that the outfit is collecting tribute of \$100 a week from the Holiday House, and on August 23 informant said that he had now learned that in addition to the Holiday House, Sardino's was paying off weekly and an approach had been made to the [redacted]

On August 10, 1962, MI T-7 said that [redacted] JOHN ALIOTO, former head [redacted]

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of the group in Milwaukee whom FRANK BALISTRERI replaced, had tried to talk BALISTRERI and his associates out of demanding payments from night club operators in Milwaukee. Informant said that in spite of ALIOTO's efforts, [redacted]

[redacted] on 5th and Fazio's of Jackson and demanded payment from them of \$500 a month, which was to be paid either to [redacted] or to FRANK BALISTRERI. Informant also said that the group was demanding and receiving payments believed of \$100 a week from the Holiday House and from Sardino's Restaurant.

This informant advised on August 23, 1962, that Fazio's had now been "given a pass" by FRANK BALISTRERI as to making the pay offs. Informant said that GURERA had no ostensible part in negotiating with Fazio's.

On September 21, 1962, MI T-3 said that he had now received information that Fazio's is paying \$100 a week for protection.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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b7cDate September 11, 1962

[redacted]  
Milwaukee Police Department, furnished the following information:

At 11:20 AM on September 5, 1962, he, along with  
Deputies [redacted]  
[redacted] all of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's  
Department, entered Apartment [redacted] at 3014 West Pierce Street  
armed with a search warrant issued by Judge JOHN COFFEY. They  
entered the apartment as [redacted] came in and placed  
[redacted] as well as [redacted] who were in  
the apartment, under arrest.

A couple of hours later while the officers were still  
in the apartment, STEVE DE SALVO entered the apartment with a  
passkey and when he would not satisfactorily explain his presence  
was placed under arrest. At this time one of the deputies went  
outside to DE SALVO's car and found JOE GURERA in the car and  
brought him up to the apartment and he, too, was placed under  
arrest.

Subsequently, DE SALVO, [redacted]  
were charged with commercial gambling and released on \$500 bond  
each for preliminary hearing on October 3. GURERA was not  
charged and was released after consultation with the District  
Attorney's office.

[redacted] furnished a drawing of the interior of  
the apartment, which was a one-room kitchenette apartment that  
did not appear to be used for living purposes. The drawing is a  
part of the file in this case.

There were two phones in the apartment just inside the  
entrance, and numbers on these telephones were noted to be  
[redacted]. Also found in the apartment  
were two radio receivers capable of receiving short wave  
broadcasts.

A quantity of betting records was obtained and  
Photostat copies of these records were furnished and are made a  
part of the file.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 11, 1962

[redacted] of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, furnished the following information:

At approximately eleven AM on September 5, 1962, he was present at 3514 West National Avenue, a restaurant called Lloyd's Restaurant. Also present in the restaurant was [redacted] who was overheard by [redacted] to receive a telephone call and then follow it with a local dial call. [redacted] end of the conversation was overheard in part, and [redacted] said that he was receiving the baseball line based on what was overheard and then passed it on to the local party that he dialed. [redacted] then proceeded to 3014 West Pierce Street and entered Apartment [redacted] at this address at which time [redacted] other deputies of the Sheriff's Department and officers of the Special Assignment Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department entered with him armed with a search warrant for these premises and placed [redacted] under arrest.

During the succeeding few minutes, approximately 35 incoming telephone calls were received on the two telephones in the apartment-- [redacted]. Each call was answered by one of the officers present in an attempt to determine the identity of the calling party and the purpose for the call. Among the persons who called were individuals who identified themselves as [redacted]

None of the above three individuals arrested in the apartment made any admissions or statements as to their purpose in being in the apartment, and they were taken to Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department to be booked.

At approximately 1:30 PM on September 5, 1962, while the officers were still in the apartment, STEVE DE SALVO entered the apartment with a passkey and refused to furnish any information as to the reason for being in the apartment or having the key. [redacted] also found JOE GURERA in DE SALVO's car outside this address and brought him to the apartment. He, too, refused to furnish any information. These

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs 1 Date dictated 9/10/62

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two individuals were placed under arrested and searched. DE SALVO's car was also searched. On DE SALVO's person were located telephone bills in the names of [redacted] Apartment [redacted] 3014 West Pierce, and for [redacted] Apartment [redacted] 3014 West Pierce. These telephone bills, which were later returned to DE SALVO along with his other personal possessions, were also observed by Deputy [redacted]

GURERA and DE SALVO were taken to the Milwaukee Police Department to be booked, and after discussion with the District Attorney GURERA was released without being charged but DE SALVO along with [redacted] were charged with commercial gambling and released on \$500 bond until October 3.

[redacted] said that in addition to himself and [redacted] their arresting party consisted of Deputies [redacted] [redacted] Also in the party were [redacted] and Detectives [redacted] all of the Special Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department. Deputy [redacted] took complete photographs of the premises and the cars, and [redacted] furnished copies of these photographs which are made a part of this file. He also stated that the Milwaukee Police Department had made complete Photostat copies of all the betting records found and seized during the search. He exhibited the originals of these betting records and they were observed to be the same ones as has been furnished in Photostat form by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that there was a cardboard box on the table near the telephones containing some betting slips and currency in the amount of \$2514. [redacted] had attempted to take this money and put it in his pocket at the time of the arrest. [redacted] had on his person \$741 in currency and fourteen 25¢ slugs. DE SALVO had \$52 on his person, and [redacted] had \$14.58 on his person.

Detective [redacted] also furnished photographs of [redacted] and Photostat copies of their handwriting cards executed at the time they were booked.

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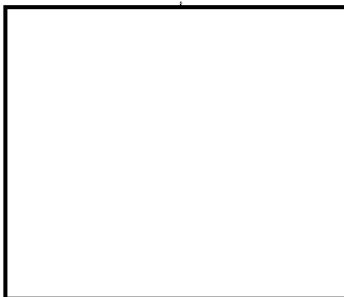
On September 6, 1962, MI T-3 said that Subject, DE SALVO and the others who had been arrested the previous day were

[redacted] Informant said that in all likelihood either [redacted] would get the line.

On August 30, 1962, informant said that on August 28, 1962, a group of approximately 40 to 60 gamblers and hoodlums from Milwaukee met at Aliota's on the Blue Mound to attend a stag party and engage in a crap game to be [redacted] for 25% with the Subject and STEVE DE SALVO to receive the other 75%.

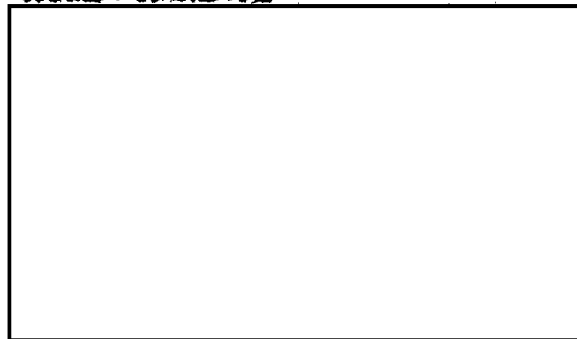
Informant said that on the afternoon of the stag party

[redacted] and, so, [redacted] Informant said that during the course of the evening those in attendance became suspicious and did not have the scheduled crap game. Informant said that the following individuals were present in addition to [redacted] and [redacted] who were suppose to handle the crap game:



JOE GAGLIANO

AUGIE MANIACI



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Information had been received that on August 28, 1962, a stag party for [redacted] was to be held at Aliota's Supper Club, 19165 West Blue Mound, Waukesha County, Wisconsin. The following arrangements were made because of an indication that there would be gambling at the party.

[redacted] Waukesha County, was advised and made arrangements with State Beverage Control Agents and his Deputies to cover the party and raid it if gambling was observed.

The premises were observed from nine PM, August 28, until approximately two AM on August 29, but no gambling occurred.

[redacted] Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, and State Beverage Control Agent [redacted] were provided tickets for the party and did mingle with those attending the party after supper from approximately nine PM until 11:30. They reported that there were approximately sixty persons in attendance at the early part of the evening and that it dwindled to approximately thirty at 11:30 and that there was no gambling observed, although a couple of gin rummy games and one poker game, using bottle caps for chips, were observed. These officers identified the photographs of the following individuals as having been with the group:

[redacted] JOE GAGLIANO, [redacted]  
AUGIE MANIACI, [redacted] WALTER BROCCA, FRANK  
BALISTRIERI, JOE GURENA and tentatively identified a  
photograph of TONY MANGARACINA of Kansas City.

In addition to these observations, other deputies of Waukesha Sheriff's Department recorded the following listed license numbers on cars parked in the lot of Aliota's Restaurant during the pertinent time. The licenses were registered to the persons shown:

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The following listed license numbers were seen at Aliota's on the Blue Mound, 19165 West Blue Mound Road, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, on August 28, 1962. All of them are 1963 Wisconsin licenses except where noted otherwise. All addresses furnished for the registered owners are Milwaukee addresses unless noted otherwise. The description of the cars is set out where known:

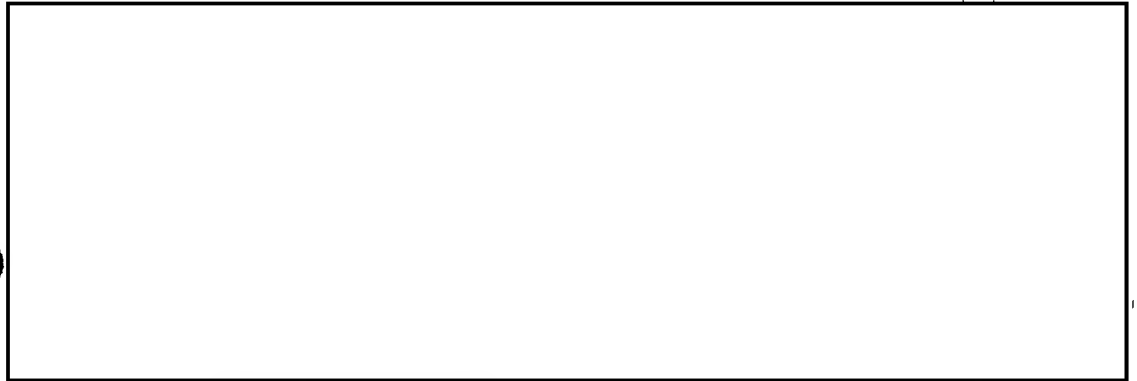
[redacted] --1962 white Buick, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] -- 1960 Dodge, [redacted]  
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[redacted] --blue Chevrolet, [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] --1962 Ford, [redacted]  
[redacted] -- [redacted]  
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1960 Dodge, [redacted]  
blue Chevrolet, [redacted]  
1962 Ford, [redacted]  
[redacted]~~

[redacted]  
[redacted] --1961 Mercury, [redacted]  
[redacted] (at Johnny Pitch's Tavern later in the evening);  
[redacted]

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1960 Oldsmobile;

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--Cadillac.

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--1951 Mercury.

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--1962 Ford,

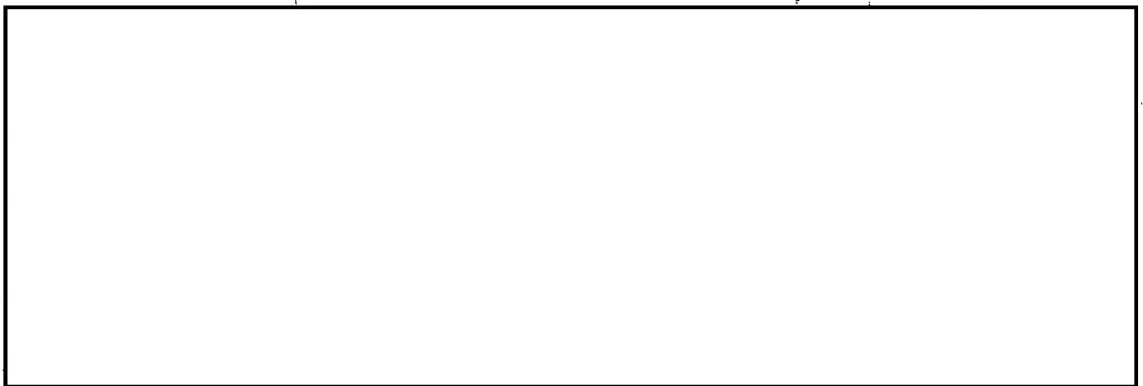
Q10-765--1951 Ford, DONALD H. HETLIGER, Cambridge,  
Wisconsin;

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638 E --Schultz Motors, 2301 West Forest Home;



--White over red Oldsmobile,



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On August 29, 1962, after two AM, there being no gambling at Aliota's and some indication that the game might have been moved, the following locations were checked with negative results: 1226 North Milwaukee Avenue; Pitch's Tavern; Club Midnight; Como's Restaurant; Sardine's Tavern; Chico's Restaurant; Holiday House and Gallagher's Restaurant.

Additionally, the residences of various individuals believed to have ended the stag party were checked with the following results: [redacted] car at home; [redacted] car at home; JOE GURERA, car at home; BUSTER BALESTRERE, car at home; FRANK BALISTRERI, car not located; PETER BALISTRERI, car not located.

Contact was had with [redacted] Special Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, who advised that he had contacted an individual who had been in attendance at the stag party and had determined from him that no gambling had occurred there and that the game had not been moved to another location due to fear of the persons in attendance that they were being watched by officials. Detective [redacted] said that he had observed WALTER BROCCA, AUGIE MANIACI and FRANK BALISTRERI in the downtown area of Milwaukee between midnight and two AM, August 29, 1962. BROCCA and MANIACI were hanging around the Belmont Hotel, and BALISTRERI was observed in his car with an unknown female, heading west on Wisconsin Avenue. Additionally, Detective [redacted] said that he had personally checked a number of possible locations where the gambling game might have been held with negative results.



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On September 6, 1962, Detective [redacted] Special Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that a stag party was also held at Aliota's on the Blue Mound on September 5, 1962. Again, information was received that gambling was scheduled but not held because of the presence of law enforcement officers. This party was ostensibly for [redacted] who has a marriage coming up. The following automobiles were noted by Detectives [redacted] of the Special Squad:

On August 1, 1962, MI T-3 said that [redacted] makes a [redacted] and makes a good living playing poker and shooting crap. Informant

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said that [ ] is backed financially by Subject, FRANK BALISTRIERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO and, therefore, gives them a cut of his winnings. This informant advised on August 23, 1962, that [ ] along with [ ] was operating a book on a 50-50 basis.

On September 21, 1962, informant said that [ ] and AUGIE MANIACI had gotten an okay from DE SALVO and GURERA to book on [ ] located on lower Broadway, Milwaukee. [ ] will run the book, but [ ] and MANIACI will receive a cut as partners in the operation.

On September 12, 1962, Detective [ ] Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, said that he had exhibited photographs of STEVE DE SALVO and JOE GURERA to [ ]

[ ] Milwaukee, based on the fact that at the time of his arrest, September 5, 1962, DE SALVO had in his possession a \$200 receipt from this company. [ ] said that [ ] told him that both of these individuals had been to [ ] together and that the [ ]

[ ] also told Detective [ ] that these individuals had previously possessed a receiver for an automobile, also set on this frequency. He did not know where it had been installed.



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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
October 11, 1962**

**Title JOSEPH FRANK GURERA**

**Character ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Reference Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
dated and captioned as above.**

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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2. Through informants and interviews keep abreast of Subject's activities.

INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [ ] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY on dates indicated;

MI T-2 is PCI [ ] who furnished information to SAA ALBERT G. MACDONALD;

MI T-3 is [ ] who furnished information to reporting Agent;

MI T-4 is PCI [ ], who furnished information to SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM;

MI T-5 is [ ] Milwaukee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 USA Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: November 28, 1962

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Informants say Subject still collecting pay offs from gamblers and has expanded to Kenosha, Wisc. Active in football pool operation. Physical surveillance shows close association with STEVE DE SALVO, with Subject frequently at Gallagher's and infrequently at Acino Cleaners. Identity cars and persons contacted by Subject set out. Subject and DE SALVO bought \$400 transistor radio receiver on fixed frequency of Milwaukee PD and Sheriff. When arrested 10/11/62 by Milwaukee PD for traffic violation, Subject had football schedules in possession. Information set out re Acino Cleaners partnership between Subject, BUSTER BALESTRERE and STEVE DE SALVO. Information set out as to Leonard Produce Co., JOHN VITALE, Manager, contacted by Subject and FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI, and other out of State contacts from physical surveillance.

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DETAILS:At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

On September 29, 1962, MI T-1 said that [ ] of Kansas City, who was a close associate of Subject and possibly a relative and who was a member of the Italian hoodlum organization in Kansas City, was in Milwaukee and in contact with PETER BALISTRIERI, nature of the contact unknown to the informant.

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Informant also said that the booking office which had been operated by [redacted] on behalf of the Subject and DE SALVO prior to Police raid there on September 5, 1962, was back in operation. He said the [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said that [redacted] who had been [redacted] was now taking a good part of the action.

On October 12, 1962, informant said that JOE GURERA makes ten to fifteen telephone calls a day to gamblers from public telephone booths. Informant thought that [redacted] was getting the line and that the [redacted] with some system unknown to informant for relaying bets and recording them.

On October 26, 1962, informant said that Subject was meeting with DE SALVO, FRANK BALISTRERI and [redacted] the nature not being known.

Informant said that gamblers are still paying off to the outfit usually to Subject or DE SALVO with [redacted]

[redacted] Informant said that the Holiday House and Sardino's are still paying off and that [redacted] and paying off with [redacted] making the payments. He also said that GURERA and DE SALVO have [redacted] the [redacted] and among these were the [redacted]. GURERA and DE SALVO also hit [redacted] about paying off, but [redacted] was able to avoid payments at least for the time being on the claim that he was broke.

Another individual informant said is paying off is FRANK SANSONE, also known as BIG FOOT HOGAN, who had just resumed gambling operations and was paying GURERA \$100 a week for the privilege.

Informant said that [redacted] was now obtaining the line daily from [redacted] who in turn got it at his home, [redacted], and the line fans out to bookies in Milwaukee through [redacted]

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MI T-2 stated on October 3, 1962, that football pool tickets are received in Milwaukee on Monday and Tuesday and distributed to various individuals for peddling. He said the tickets have to be turned in to the agent by Saturday noon, and the pay off is on the following Monday. One of the places for pay off, according to this informant, is the Star Brite Cleaners, 2501 North Holton, which informant said is run by JOE GURERA and [redacted]

MI T-3 advised on November 16, 1962, that Subject and STEVE DE SALVO as well as FRANK BALISTRERI and [redacted] had [redacted] and had [redacted] at [redacted]. Informant said that a meeting covering an unknown topic was held at [redacted] between JOE GURERA, FRANK and PETER BALISTRERI and an individual unknown to the informant but described as in his 30's, short stocky build, pudgy face, hook nose, pop eyes, dark heavy hair. Informant said that GURERA was [redacted] from [redacted] but [redacted] is known as a [redacted] closely connected with the syndicate and particularly with MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO.)

On [redacted] informant said that two strangers came to [redacted] the previous night, and although they ate alone in the restaurant they departed around seven or 7:30 PM after an apparent signal to JOE GURERA, who exited from [redacted] with them and did not reappear. These two individuals had the first name of [redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted], and prior to their departure Subject had been in conference with FRANK BALISTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO and a tall distinguished-looking man by the name of JOHN, who was 55 to 60 years of age, 6'1", large frame, gray hair, wore glasses.

With regard to [redacted], informant said they appeared to be from out of town and they looked as though they might [redacted]. Both were approximately 30 years of age, blond, with classic features-- [redacted] being the heavier of the two individuals and [redacted] apparently being the leader. They had been in [redacted] only once before to informant's knowledge together, although [redacted] had been in during the previous week and FRANK BALISTRERI had introduced him to [redacted]. Informant said that these two individuals were very calm in their conversations with Subject and BALISTRERI and seemed to be very businesslike in their attitude.



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MI T-4 stated on November 14, 1962, that GURERA and DE SALVO had gone to Kenosha sometime previously and that there was a gambler there that they approached and demanded from him weekly pay offs plus a man in the joint at \$150 a week to look out for their interests. The result was that this individual said he could not operate and at that time ceased operations. Informant was of the opinion that this call was to put this gambler out of business so that [redacted] could [redacted]

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date August 28, 1962

At 11:30 AM, it was observed that JOE GURERA's car was parked at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. No surveillance was instituted.

At two PM on this date GURERA's car was no longer at this location, but STEVE DE SALVO's car was there, and in addition a 1962 gray Chevrolet was parked in front of the address. It bore Wisconsin license C61-008 registered to Motor Leasing Company, 1450 North Michigan, Saginaw, Michigan.

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On 8/16/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 8/22/62

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 11, 1962

At 10:35 AM, STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA were all observed at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First Street. GURERA and DE SALVO left in their respective automobiles at 10:40 AM. No surveillance was maintained, but a recheck of the address at 11:45 AM disclosed that BUSTER BALESTRERE likewise departed meanwhile.

On 8/30/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-165  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 9/5/62

Date October 8, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on October 2, 1962:

At 1:30 p.m. JOE GURERA's car was observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street, and GURERA and BUSTER BALESTREERE were having a conversation in front of the address. At 1:40 p.m. STEVE DE SALVO arrived, parking his car on Mineral Street between 1st and 2nd. The three of them then went inside the address with GURERA and DE SALVO emerging at 1:45 p.m. and spent a few minutes talking in GURERA's automobile, both departing at 2:02 p.m.

Upon leaving this address they drove to the Radio Communications Company, 1020 East Land Street where they arrived at 2:14 p.m. At 2:26 p.m. they left this place and proceeded to Star Drite Cleaners, 2501 North Humboldt Street, arriving at 2:31 p.m. They remained inside for a short time and at 2:36 p.m. emerged and talked on the sidewalk for a couple of minutes with [redacted] who [redacted]. They left this address at 2:38 p.m. and the surveillance was discontinued at this point.

At 3:25 p.m. they were again observed in front of 1012 South 1st Street sitting in GURERA's car and talking and at 3:35 p.m. a third man was observed in the rear of the car. This individual subsequently left in a 1955 Chrysler bearing license T25-533 at 3:50 p.m. This car is registered to COSIMO MARZOLO, 1915 South 5th Street.

These three individuals discontinued their conversation at 3:44 and entered Acino Cleaners with DE SALVO and GURERA first removing something from the trunk of GURERA's car which they took into the cleaners. It was not possible to observe the nature of this object.

At 3:50 p.m. in addition to MARZOLO, STEVE DE SALVO left and GURERA departed at 4:10 p.m.

BUSTER BALESTREERE remained at Acino's except for a few moments to go to the restaurant across the street until 5:02 p.m. when he departed.

On 10/2/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257  
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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp Date dictated 10/5/62

Date October 31, 1962

The following observations were made on October 24, 1962, by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN:

At 4:45 PM, FRANK BALISTRIERI's car, STEVE DE SALVO's car and a 1961 gray Pontiac bearing [redacted] license [redacted] and a 1961 or 1962 blue Falcon, bearing [redacted] plates [redacted] expire September, 1962, were observed parked behind Ullascher's Restaurant. The Pontiac was determined registered to [redacted]

At 5:10 PM, the Pontiac and Falcon left, and at 5:25 PM, DE SALVO, GURERA and two other men left in DE SALVO's car.

The person driving the Falcon was observed to be approximately 45 years of age, small build, having dark bushy hair, wearing horn rimmed glasses. He proceeded west on West Wells Street. The individual driving the Pontiac was approximately 55 years of age, medium large build, ruddy rough complexion and having a long turned up nose. He proceeded north on 3rd Street.

DE SALVO and the occupants of his car proceeded to Western Union Office on East Broadway where the two individuals besides DE SALVO and GURERA got out. They did not enter Western Union and it is not known where they went after they alit from the car. One appeared to be of Italian origin and could possibly have been FRANK BALISTRIERI as he resembled him as to facial features and size in the dim light. The other appeared to be non-Italian, was approximately 50 years of age, 5'9", heavy build.

Due to traffic conditions it was not possible to continue the surveillance.

On 10/24/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 94-315  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bc Date dictated 10/25/62

Date November 5, 1962

The following observations were made by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN on October 29, 1962:

At 1:20 PM, GURERA's car was spotted in the parking lot to the rear of Gallagher's Restaurant, 829 North 3rd Street. Also observed was a 1963 light blue Chevrolet, Wisconsin license A75-995 (registered to STEVE DE SALVO and previously carried on a 1961 Pontiac operated by him until the last few days).

At 2:33 PM, DE SALVO was seen to hurridly enter the above 1963 Chevrolet and obtain his coat and then hurry to the front of Gallagher's. At this point he entered the back seat of FRANK BALISTRIERI's car which was already occupied by the latter and JOE GURERA. They proceeded to the Bockl Building located at 20th and Wisconsin Avenue and for approximately fifteen minutes after their arrival GURERA and DE SALVO were observed to remain in the lobby with FRANK BALISTRIERI not being in evidence. GURERA and DE SALVO were not seen until all three of them left the Bockl Building at 4:55 PM when they returned to Gallagher's Restaurant and split up.

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On 10/29/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # MI 92-257

by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 10/30/62

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On November 8, 1962, the following information was received from [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department:

He has received sufficient information relative to Subject's activities since his arrival in Milwaukee earlier this year that he feels a concentrated effort is called for to preclude any crimes of violence by Subject or those associated with him. To this end, he said he was setting up a surveillance detail to keep Subject and his close associates under constant surveillance and that the full results of these activities would be furnished to Milwaukee Office of the FBI and the Special Assignment Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department so that officers of these agencies could immediately follow up by interviews of persons contacted by the Subject and his associates.

[redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, who is in charge of the surveillance detail, furnished the following information on November 16, 1962:

On November 15, 1962, at 11:35 AM, surveilling officers [redacted] spotted a 1956 GMC truck at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First. The truck bore Wisconsin license C27-751 (commercial) and was listed to STEVE DE SALVO at 1012 South First. Also observed there was a 1951 Dodge truck bearing the sign of [redacted] and [redacted] Commercial license [redacted] registered to [redacted]. Also seen at Acino on this occasion was 1951 Plymouth bearing [redacted] license [redacted] registered to [redacted].

GURERA was not seen by surveilling officers on this date.

GURERA was also not seen on the following date up until 10:45 PM.

These officers also on November 15, 1962, observed [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification [redacted], and a person unknown to the officers in the Taxi Inn playing pool until two AM on November 16. The Taxi Inn is [redacted] by [redacted] a local gambler.

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On November 21, 1962, [ ] said that surveilling officers had been unable to locate JOE GURERA on that date.

On November 19, 1962, [ ] Special Assignment Squad, Milwaukee Police Department, exhibited a report from Detective [ ], who said that the following information had been received by him from an anonymous source.

A "life insurance business" has been started by the Italian hoodlums, and pay offs are being made in connection with this by Italian businessmen and gamblers. The source alleged that the Holiday House, Sardino's, Pazio's, and the Riviera Tavern, 401 North Plankinton, [ ] were all paying off.

The source also said that SCAFFIDI Brothers Bakery on East Brady Street had recently been visited by some men who "shot it up." The Scaffidi Bakery did not make any report to the Police Department but had gone out of business.

The source went on to state that FRANK PETER BALISTRIERI was the Number One man, and JOE GURERA the Number Two man in Milwaukee hoodlum operations and that Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First is a pay off place and meeting place for these and other hoodlum individuals.



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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The following information was received October 11, 1962 from [redacted] SAs, Milwaukee Police Department:

JOE GURERA was arrested at 2:00 a.m. on October 11, 1962 for an illegal U-turn by officers of the First District Station. They reported that he had football pool tickets in his possession. However, upon examination these pool tickets turned out to be nothing more than "weekly football schedules" which can be purchased at most news stands. The schedules were not marked in any way so that there is no basis as to the schedules for charging GURERA with gambling activities.

GURERA was, however, run through the Bureau of Identification and a current photograph and photostat copy of the handwriting card that he executed were furnished. It is observed that on the handwriting card GURERA showed as his occupation self-employed at Acine Cleaners.

[redacted] advised that an attempt was made to interview Subject by Detective [redacted] but that GURERA refused to furnish any information.

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[redacted] said he resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted] and is  
employed as the [redacted]  
[redacted] located at [redacted] He said  
he is married and has [redacted] and [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] said that he was born and raised in [redacted]  
[redacted] on [redacted] and lived there for the first [redacted] years  
of his life. In [redacted] he [redacted] and went to [redacted]  
[redacted] where he lived and worked for about four months and  
then to [redacted], for approximately eight months.  
In [redacted] he left his position in [redacted] and  
[redacted] where he obtained employment for the  
[redacted], which has the lease of the [redacted]  
[redacted] at the above [redacted]. He arrived in  
[redacted] in [redacted], and at that time contacted BUSTER  
BALESTRERE, who he claimed was [redacted]  
[redacted] He explained that [redacted] had an [redacted] who was

He disclaimed any knowledge as to their activities or  
their employment or lack of employment. He said that he did  
not want to get mixed up in their activities as he had all he

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/bs Date dictated 11/2/62

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could do to handle his job and take care of his family. He explained that he works daily except [redacted] except recently he has been taking [redacted] and [redacted] off. Mr. [redacted] does not desire to stay in [redacted] over a year and is hopeful of being transferred back to [redacted] in that time.

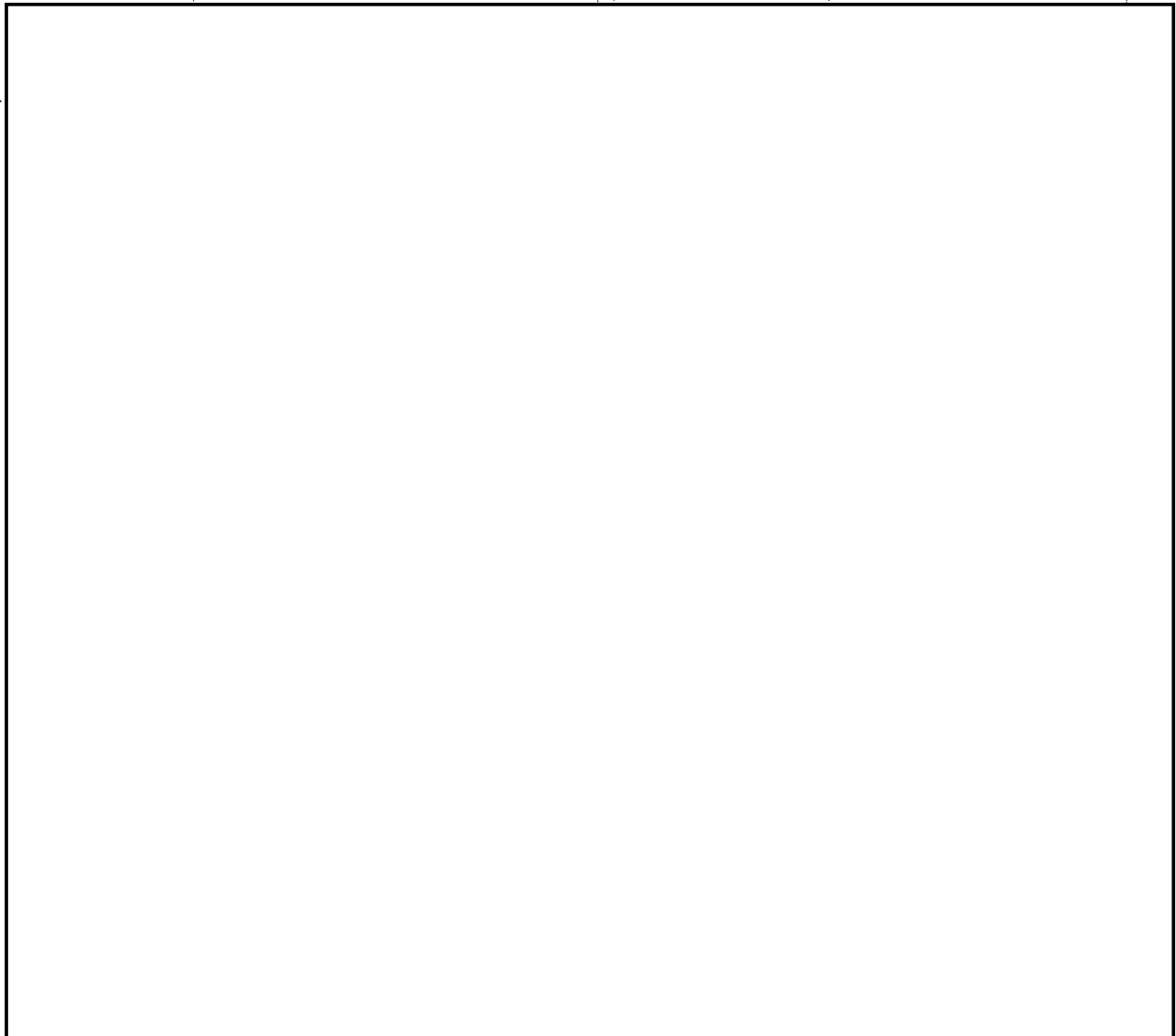
He said that he has never met PETER BALISTRERI, who is a next-door neighbor to BUSTER. He explained that JOE GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE are brothers-in-law and seem to get along together in good shape.

Mr. [redacted] explained that he [redacted] in the [redacted] [redacted] and is familiar with the reputation of GURERA, who was associated with the CIVILLA brothers and [redacted] who have the reputation in Kansas City for being hoodlums. [redacted] said that he knew all of these individuals and many others [redacted] but he does not approve of their activities and does not associate with those people but on the other hand feels that as long as they treat him right he is not inclined to take any action in the way of questioning or correcting their activities.

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Referral/Consult

The following information was obtained from MI T-5 relative to [REDACTED]



On the night of August 28-29, 1962, a 1962 white automobile, bearing [REDACTED] license [REDACTED], was observed in the garage of QURERA's residence, 2608 East Newport, by reporting Agent. On September 25, 1962, the then [REDACTED] Milwaukee Police Department, said that officers of his department had observed this same car at Subject's home on August 25, 1962. They

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described it as a 1962 white Plymouth with the above license registered to [redacted]

On October 4, 1962, [redacted] Office advised that the above license was issued to [redacted] for a 1962 Plymouth, Identification number [redacted], and that [redacted] was the registered owner with a lien recorded in favor of the Mercantile National Bank, [redacted]

On October 4, 1962, [redacted] said that officers of his squad were present at the Holiday House October 2, 1962, and had under observation the Subject, FRANK BALISTRIERI and STEVE DE SALVO, who were seated at the table with [redacted], the son of one of [redacted]. At around one AM on October 2, GURERA and BALISTRIERI went to the public phone booth, telephone number Broadway 3-9650, and GURERA placed a long-distance call, having previously obtained \$2 worth of change at the bar. BALISTRIERI stood outside the phone booth, and after the call the two of them talked together while proceeding to and from the men's room.

On October 3, 1962, [redacted] obtained from the Wisconsin Telephone Company information that at 1:03 AM, October 2, 1962, a call was made from Broadway 3-9650 to St. Louis, Missouri, 621-8393, listed to the Leonard Produce Company, 27 Produce Row, St. Louis.

The following information was obtained November 1, 1962, from the St. Louis Office:

The Leonard Produce Company is located at 27-29 Produce Row, St. Louis, Missouri. According to record, this produce company is [redacted]. JOHN JOSEPH VITALE, St. Louis top hoodlum, is currently employed by the Leonard Produce Company as a salesman, although investigation indicates he is probably the owner or at least the individual who gives the directions for the above produce company. [redacted] is well known in the produce business and has no criminal background, and it is felt that he is probably only a front for VITALE and his associates.

Located in the same space as the Leonard Produce is also the Middlewest or Midwest Leasing Company, which is allegedly [redacted] by [redacted] a close VITALE associate. This is a trucking company which hauls produce locally for the Lombardo Produce Company [redacted]. JOHN VITALE

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utilizes the office space for this trucking company at 27-29 Produce Row and for all practical purposes it is his office. VITALE normally goes to work at approximately Midnight and is at Produce Row generally from Midnight until early hours in the morning, sometimes sleeping in the above-mentioned office space. Information developed from highly confidential sources reflects that VITALE utilizes the telephone located in this office, which is an extension of MAIN 1-8393 as set forth in referenced airtel. Numerous of VITALE's associates associated with hoodlum element in St. Louis meet in this office and discuss various affairs.

It has been previously reported that on July 12, 1962, a Chevrolet, bearing Wisconsin license K17943, was observed in the vicinity of GURERA's residence. This license was determined registered to WILBUR H. WRIGHT, 725 - 9th Street, Beloit, Wisconsin.

At Beloit, Wisconsin:

On September 24, 1962, Mrs. [redacted] advised SA MARTIN L. CROAK that she [redacted] WILBUR H. WRIGHT and has not seen him for two years. She stated WILBUR WRIGHT is possibly 55 years of age; he came to Beloit in about 1956 as a chef at the Cyprus Restaurant, Beloit, and [redacted]. She stated he supposedly has an ex-wife living in Indiana in a small town, name of which she could not recall, and two grown sons who had served in the U.S. Navy. Otherwise, she stated she knew little or nothing about his background, except to say she believed he had always been a chef and that [redacted] she came to realize he was an alcoholic and undoubtedly a dope addict. She stated in about 1959 he left Beloit and came back to visit in 1960. At this time he was physically ill and she arranged for him to enter a Monroe, Wisconsin, hospital. Thereafter, he went to Chicago and she believed he was at the Chicago Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, and thereafter she received information that he had left this hospital and she believes he probably had lived in some skid row address in Chicago.

She advised she has no idea as to his present whereabouts, but she did not expect to hear from him, that she knew of no gambling connections that he might have and stated she doubted very seriously whether he would have such connections because he

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had little or no money to gamble with and she was certain he would use what money he might have for either liquor or narcotics.

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

It was also reported previously that a car bearing [redacted] license [redacted] was seen a number of times in the vicinity of GURERA's residence. A determination was made that this license was registered to [redacted] care of [redacted]  
[redacted]

On October 18, 1962, the individual operating this car was observed and interviewed by the reporting Agent in downtown Milwaukee, and he identified himself as [redacted], date of birth [redacted] having [redacted] driver's license Number [redacted]

He explained that he was from [redacted] originally but had worked in the East for [redacted] of [redacted] [redacted], and that he had now returned to Wisconsin and was working in this State. He said that his family was in [redacted] at [redacted] but that because he spent considerable time in Milwaukee he also had a room at [redacted] [redacted] and he frequently parked his car on the street in that vicinity. (It is noted that this address is in the immediate vicinity of GURERA's residence.)



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
November 28, 1962

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File No.

Title	JOSEPH FRANK GURERA
Character	ANTI-RACKETEERING
Reference	Report SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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REFERENCES

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To Bureau: 2 copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing the informants used.

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1. Continue contact with Milwaukee Police Department relative to information obtained by that department from informants and physical surveillance of the Subject and his associates.
2. Maintain contact with Bureau informants and continue supplementing Milwaukee police surveillance by interview of persons apparently having knowledge of Subject's activities.
3. Follow and report results of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
4. Maintain contact with ABE ZETLEY, 2608 East Newport and [REDACTED] relative to persons contacting the Subject at his residence.

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INFORMANTS

MI T-1 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY, ALBERT B. KNICKREHM, AND JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

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MI T-2 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SAs JAMES GLONEK and ROBERT J. DENEEN.

MI T-3 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

MI T-4 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.

MI T-5 is [REDACTED], who desired that his identity be maintained in confidence.

MI T-6 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

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Copy to: 1 - USA, Milwaukee

Report of: SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN  
Date: January 24, 1963

Office: MILWAUKEE

Field Office File No.: MI 92-257

Bureau File No.: 92-4690

Title: JOSEPH FRANK GURERA

Character: ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis: Subject to Kansas City 9/9 and 11/20/62. In contact with [redacted] Unable to locate travel records. Subject and associates continue collection from and threats to gamblers. Results MI PD surveillance Subject and associates set forth. November, 1962 Subject and associates talk over entering juke box business. January 7, 1963 ANTHONY BIERNAT, juke box operator, Kenosha, Wis. kidnapped and not heard of since. Resulting investigation this case shows GURERA, DE SALVO, and WEISER COVELLI approached BIERNAT in November, 1962 in attempt to take over his business. Also that COVELLI purchased several juke boxes about this same time. FRANK STELLOH released from WSP, December, and allegedly lived with Subject immediately after release and has been observed meeting with and associating with Subject and his group since. Acino Cleaners no longer pay off or meeting spot. Manager of cleaners arrested by Milwaukee PD and charged locally with gambling. New meeting place possibly off of Para Corporation. AUSA, Milwaukee, desires to [redacted]

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Additional personal information re Subject set out.  
SUBJECT IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS. CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS:AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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On December 21, 1962, Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], advised SAs JAMES E. GLOVER and [REDACTED]  
that she is the [REDACTED]  
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It was previously reported by MI T-1 that on September 9, 1962 Subject had gone to Kansas City to attend some sort of hoodlum meeting.

MI T-2 on September 17, 1962 advised that on Sunday, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Subject was at the [REDACTED]  
and conferred with [REDACTED] for a considerable period of time.

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On November 21, 1962 MI T-2 said that Subject was again in Kansas City on [REDACTED] 1962 and had a private conference with [REDACTED] at the House of Tacos, a restaurant [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

MI T-3 on November 21, 1962 said that early in the evening of [REDACTED] 1962 Subject was in Milwaukee at Gallagher's Restaurant in company with FRANK BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and an unknown man named JOHN, 55-60 years of age, 6'1", well built, large frame, gray hair, wore glasses, and generally distinguished looking. According to informant Subject left Gallagher's at about 7 p.m.

This same informant advised on November 18, 1962 that Subject had on [REDACTED] 1962 been at Gallagher's Restaurant in conference with FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI and an unknown individual described as in his 30's, small, stocky build, wavy black hair, popeyed expression, and hook nose. During this conversation a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] closely associated  
with MILWAUKEE PHIL ALDERISIO.

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[redacted] who is [redacted]  
for Braniff Airlines, was telephonically contacted  
by direct line and returned the call on November 28,  
1962 after checking his records. He advised that  
he could find no record reflecting travel by Subject  
under his true name from Chicago to Kansas City on  
September 9, 1962.

On 11/2/62 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin File # NY 92-257  
by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp Date dictated 11/8/62

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Date November 14, 1962

[redacted] who is [redacted] for Trans World Airlines, 29 East Madison Street, Chicago, was telephonically requested to check TWA manifests for September 9 which he did and called back same date advising that there was no indication that JOE GURERA used TWA services to Kansas City September 9.

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lp Date dictated 11/8/62

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Date December 12, 1962

[redacted] who is [redacted] North Central Airlines, 710 North Plankinton, Milwaukee, advised that North Central had two flights from Milwaukee to Chicago connecting with Kansas City flights on November 20. The first was North Central flight 468 which left Milwaukee at 7:30 p.m., connected with TWA flight 123 leaving O'Hare Field, Chicago at 8:35 p.m. The other is North Central flight 238, which left Milwaukee 8:15 p.m., connected with Braniff flight 351 leaving Chicago 10 p.m. arriving Kansas City 11:10 p.m.

Mr. [redacted] checked the manifests and exhibited them to writer for those two flights and no passengers were noted which appeared to be possibly identical to the Subject.

Mr. [redacted] said that he did not know of any other connections that could be made out of Milwaukee other than driving to O'Hare Field which would permit a person to be in Milwaukee around 7 p.m. on November 20 and also in Kansas City, Missouri prior to 11 p.m.

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by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN/lmp Date dictated 12/6/62

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MI T-1 on November 17, 1962 said that GURERA and DE SALVO left Milwaukee and [redacted] He also said that FRANK BALISTRERI left town during the week of November 12.

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Informant said at this time that pay offs to the mob continue and that he personally knows of approximately \$1500 per week that they receive from gamblers and he is sure that they get considerable more from individuals unknown to him. He said [redacted] GURERA, FRANK BALISTRERI, DE SALVO, and BUSTER BALESTRENE draw their [redacted]

On December 7, 1962 this informant said that GURERA and DE SALVO are getting rough on bookies who do not pay their weekly payments promptly and also getting rough on betters who owe them money. They are warning that if payment is not made promptly they are "going to have their heads cracked open". Informant said that these two individuals have not expanded their tavern shakedown as they are fearful because of the surveillance placed on them by the Milwaukee Police Department.

MI T-4 advised on November 5, 1962 that GURERA and DE SALVO approached a Kenosha gambler who was [redacted] and told this gambler that they wanted fifty per cent of his business, \$150 a week salary for their man to watch the game in their interest and \$100 off of the top. As a result the gambler closed up.

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MI T-1 subsequently advised that this gambler was again in operation in Kenosha and therefore presumably paying off.

MI T-4 advised on November 14, 1962 that "the outfit" is still running a book but on a very limited basis and that they had kept their larger customers but had given some of their smaller customers to other bookies who called DE SALVO, GURERA or BUSTER BALESTRENE at the end of the week telling them the amounts to collect or pay off to the betters. This informant said that as to the larger customers which "the outfit" is handling themselves, he thinks that they are called at predetermined times and places from pay phones to take care of their action. Informant said he was not aware of the source of the line being used by the outfit.



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The following information was received from [redacted]  
[redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, relative to the activities  
of a Special Surveillance Squad of the Milwaukee Police Department  
[redacted]

On December 12, 1962 [redacted] made available surveillance reports from the inception of the squad November 14 through December 12. No effort is made to set out the results in detail but the reports are available for inspection and possible testimony at a later date if needed. The pattern of activities from the reports of [redacted] are as follows:

November 14-20. No particular pertinent activities. BUSTER BALESTREERE was at Acino Cleaners, 1012 South 1st on a daily basis arriving there early in the morning and staying all day. STEVE DE SALVO would appear at Acino's on an irregular basis but almost daily. JOE GURERA was observed at Gallagher's in the evenings on practically a daily basis.

November 20-24. JOE GURERA apparently out of town as not able to locate.

November 23. As the surveillance squads were changing shifts, STEVE DE SALVO showed up and questioned them as to their activities. There was no reason for him to be in the area unless he had intercepted radio information indicating that the squads were to meet. On this same date attorney DOMINIC FRINZI threatened the surveilling officers with a law suit to prevent their activities.

November 24. GURERA back in town and attended a meeting at Gallagher's in company with STEVE DE SALVO, FRANK and PETER BALISTRIERI and [redacted]

On November 26 JOE GURERA lost at 9 a.m. and not again located all that day or night.

November 27. BUSTER BALESTREERE and JOE GURERA were together and by use of evasive tactics eluded the surveillance squad. On the same date STEVE DE SALVO and GUS MARZULLO in DE SALVO's car took the surveillance squad south on Highway 41 and lost

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them as they crossed to Illinois at speeds up to 100 miles an hour. They apparently were going to Waterford prior to the time they discovered the surveillance and succeeded in losing it. [ ] pointed out that this was on a Tuesday night and that Tuesday nights were the pay off nights in MARZULLO's gambling operation which involved an individual at Waterford.

November 28. GURERA observed to enter 1840 North Farwell, an office building, purpose unknown.

November 28-30. No activity of pertinence and complete absence of any of the people at Acino Cleaners.

December 1-10. No activity of pertinence except that Subjects take evasive action whenever they discover a police car and were not inclined to move until late in the morning. The following is an example of their evasive activity and may indicate a new meeting place as a successor to Acino Cleaners:

December 10. JOE GURERA left Gallagher's on foot in the early afternoon, walked to the 3rd and Wisconsin Avenues, and hung around a drugstore there until he suddenly dashed out and jumped in the car operated by and registered to [ ]. They were successful in evading the surveillers as they proceeded west off South 27th Street in the 4700 block near Atlantic Mills Discount House. At about this same time STEVE DE SALVO was observed by another surveillance squad crossing South 27th Street and proceeding in the same general direction and in the same vicinity.

December 12. GURERA and [ ] were apparently looking for housing in the northern suburbs of Whitefish Bay, Fox Point, and Ozaukee Counties. The surveillance squad parked at a distance away from one house they were looking at in a rural area of Ozaukee County, it being after dark as GURERA and [ ] backed out of the driveway of this house and then as they drove down the road they approached the surveillance squad at a high speed as though they were going to ram it and then turned off at the last moment.

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On January 2 and 4, 1963 [redacted] furnished additional surveillance reports reflecting the following information:

On December 12 and 15. FRANK, PETE, JOE, STEVE observed in conference at Gallagher's.

December 15-17. No pertinent activity.

December 17. DE SALVO observed to go to Acino Cleaners.

December 18. Meeting of several unknown persons along with FRANK and PETE BALISTRIERI, STEVE DE SALVO, JOE GURERA, BUSTER BALESTRERE, at Gallagher's late at night.

December 19-26. No pertinent activities except that STEVE DE SALVO is apparently making a record of surveillance activities by contacting the Cudahy PD when he observes the surveillance and having the Cudahy squads observe. Likewise he stops at various business places, particularly gas stations, and points out the surveillance squads to the attendant and endeavors to have him make a written note of the fact.

December 27. GURERA observed at noon at Fazio's on Fifth.

December 28. Meeting at Para Corporation including JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, WALTER BROCCA, and FRANK STELLOH, recently released from Waupun. Also observed at the parking lot of Para Corporation was a late model maroon and white Lincoln, Wisconsin license J46265 registered to Missionary Exchange, Inc., 414 South 3rd, and a late model Thunderbird Convertible, [redacted] license [redacted] registered to [redacted]

[redacted] Early in the day officers had seen a 1956 green over tan Buick, [redacted] license [redacted] in the vicinity of GURERA's home. Mr. [redacted]

Likewise during this period officers observed DE SALVO driving a 1955 black Chevrolet, Wisconsin license M27668 listed to DOROTHY DE SALVO, 2605 East Holmes Avenue, Cudahy. On this occasion DE SALVO was at the Red Pit Tavern, 5036 South Packard and as he left at 2:07 a.m. at high speeds the

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officers attempted to follow him and observed a Cudahy police squad car also on the scene.

On January 4, 1963 [ ] advised that officers had interviewed various neighbors of DE SALVO with the following results:

1. The DE SALVO's appear to have plenty of money although he is not gainfully occupied and does not return home until late in the evening. [ ] have a TV set and apparently plenty of money to spend - even the [ ] has been known to take \$25 to go shopping.
2. [ ] received a Polaroid Land Camera for Christmas and additionally friends of the family were given Polaroid Land Cameras. Mrs. DE SALVO has made the statement that STEVE "gets lots of stuff free".
3. Until the day after he was arrested on West Pierce Street in connection with a gambling raid September 5, neighbors reported that he had a very large radio which appeared to be a short wave set, upstairs in his house. It was described as being larger than an ordinary console receiver and having a metal case. One of the neighbors reported that the radio equipment was removed from the house the night after his arrest by STEVE and several other men in a truck.
4. DE SALVO is observed to burn something in his outdoor incinerator or fireplace late at night particularly on weekends, and he stands there until it is all burned and then rakes the ashes.
5. Out-of-state cars are often observed on the premises late at night.
6. DE SALVO's wife, DOROTHY, is an alcoholic and at least two of the neighbor men have had relations with her in DE SALVO's absence at her invitation.

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On November 23, 1962 MI T-3 said that GURERA was back in town after having been away for a couple of days and that on [redacted] there were two separate meetings held at Callagher's with BUSTER BALESTRERE being in attendance for the [redacted]. Subject was not present at the first meeting but at the later part of the afternoon he met with FRANK BALISTRERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STEVE DE SALVO and an individual named phonetically as [redacted]. This meeting apparently had to do with [redacted] attempt to [redacted].

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[redacted] Informant said that [redacted] (phonetic) had some connection with the [redacted] and that FRANK BALISTRERI seemed very interested in buying them and their participation indicated that BUSTER, JOE, and STEVE were all to have a part of the deal.

On January 7, 1963 informant said that recently BALISTRERI, BUSTER, STEVE, and JOE have been talking about the new business previously referred to by informant as having to do with coin operated machines and they are now talking about BLACKKEY being involved in this business along with the others. Informant said that apparently they plan to build a new concrete block building and in referring to the business he has heard FRANK state "At least it'll be legitimate and they (PD) can't do anything." He also told those assembled in the meeting that while they would not be required to be in regular hours in this business the more effort and time they put into it the more money we'll make.

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MI T-5 advised on January 11, 1963 that the [redacted] (phonetic) probably was [redacted] an individual about 45 years of age who was last known to be doing business at [redacted] telephone [redacted]. This party built up a route of 50-75 locations following World War II handled [redacted] but for a couple of reasons both personal and business went broke about a year ago and most of his equipment went back to the finance company. Informant said, however, that he was probably able to hide some of it from the finance company. This informant advised that ANTHONY BERNAT who had, according to newspapers, been kidnapped and not heard of since on January 7 from the railroad station in Kenosha, Wisconsin, was a juke box operator who had a route of about 75 Seeburg machines in the Kenosha area. Informant said that in November, 1962 one

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WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha had purchased three Seeburg machines from the London Music House in Milwaukee and stated that he wanted these machines to supplement other coin operated machines on location by LOUIS GRECO with whom he, COVELLI, was in business.

Informant said that because the London Distributing Company was doing business with ANTHONY BIERNAT and COVELLI would be in competition with an established customer of the London Company, a representative of that company contacted BIERNAT before selling the machines to COVELLI. At that time BIERNAT allegedly told this representative that he had recently been approached by some individuals from Milwaukee who wanted to take over his route. When the representative offered to help him out in any way possible BIERNAT allegedly told the man "I've got friends too, and I can take care of myself".

After BIERNAT's disappearance on January 7, SA WILLIAM HIGGINS learned from officers of the Kenosha Police Department that friends of BIERNAT contacted during the course of the Kenosha Police Department investigation told that department that BIERNAT had been contacted in early November, 1962 by JOE GURERA, STEVE DE SALVO, and WILLIAM WEISER COVELLI who wanted to take over his route but he refused. The Kenosha Police Department interviewed COVELLI relative to this matter, and he admitted that he alone had contacted BIERNAT "in a friendly way" and endeavored to become associated with him.

MI T-1 on December 21, 1962 advised that FRANK STELLOH who had just been released on December 19 from Waupun State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin, was staying at GURERA's home. Informant said that STEVE DE SALVO and DOMINIC FRINZI, a Milwaukee attorney, drove to Waupun to pick up STELLOH on his release and on the night of his release a party was held at GURERA's home for STELLOH which was attended by FRANK BALISTRERI, BUSTER BALESTRERE, DE SALVO, and others.

Informant said that apparently STELLOH will start approaching non-Italian gamblers and night club operators for weekly pay offs. On December 28, 1962 this informant said that STELLOH was still staying at GURERA's home.

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On December 21, 1962 informant said that Acino Cleaners has now changed its name to Checker Cleaners and that it is still managed by GUS MARZULLO, DE SALVO, GURERA, and BUSTER BALESTRERE plan to expand this business to approximately fourteen locations throughout the city, all known as Checker Cleaners, and make it a legitimate business and no longer use the Acino location for weekly pay offs.

MI T-6 on January 16, 1963 said that since Christmas approximately FRANK BALISTRERI, STEVE DE SALVO, and JOE GURERA have been coming to Para Corporation on the average of two or three times a week. Also that BUSTER BALESTRERE had been there on one or two occasions since Christmas. The informant did not have any idea as to the reason for the visits but said that apparently this group meets and converses for anywhere from five minutes to a couple of hours in the office at Para.

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On December 6, 1962 [REDACTED] Milwaukee Police Department, furnished the following information to SA ALBERT B. KNICKREHM:

The Milwaukee Police Department had arrested COSIMO MARZULLO on December 5, 1962 at 5:20 P.M. for a stop and go traffic violation on East Wisconsin Avenue and North Milwaukee Street. At the time, he was driving a 1953 Lincoln sedan, Wisconsin license T 10-966. The license is listed to MARZULLO but was listed to a Chrysler and not a Lincoln, which MARZULLO was driving at the time. Since he was unable to show proof of ownership, he was booked on suspicion of auto theft. A search of his person reflected a horse race scratch sheet and numerous papers with names and numbers, indicating he may be involved in betting.

With regard to the car ownership of the Lincoln by MARZULLO, it was established that he had just purchased this Lincoln and the title to the car had not yet been fully transferred.

MARZULLO resides at 1915A South 5th Street and is employed as the manager of the Acino Cleaners at 1012 South 1st Street. The owners of the Acino Cleaners are STEVE DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA.

On December 6, 1962 when he was interviewed at the Detective Bureau MARZULLO explained that he had been interested in horse

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racine all of his life and for the past 14 years he has been studying them and finally conceived a formula for beating the horses 97 out of 100 times. He said that the names and figures he had in his possession constituted the names of individuals and the amounts of money they had given him to bet on horses - the total of the figures was \$4,700. MARZULLO steadfastly denied that this operation was a con game or shakedown operated by him for DE SALVO, GURERA and BUSTER BALESTRERE and said that they had nothing to do with the operation.

MI T-1 on December 14, 1962 said that BALISTRERI, DE SALVO, and GURERA were very unhappy with GUS MARZULLO for getting caught and charged with gambling.



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Date January 11, 1963

FRED KLANCNIK, 4603 South 61st Street, furnished the following information:

He has known GUS MARZULLO for many years in view of the fact that they were both in the dry cleaning business. He was unemployed at the time MARZULLO went to work for Acino Cleaners under the new ownership of STEVE DI SALVO and at MARZULLO's invitation he took a job with Acino. STEVE DI SALVO has always signed the pay checks at Acino but he has heard that BUSTER BALESTRERE and JOE GURERA are also partners in this business. The checks are drawn on the Bay View State Bank.

So far as KLANCNIK is concerned this was a perfectly legitimate cleaning business and a rather good one, having as the bulk of their business commercial accounts. He said there are seventeen or eighteen such accounts and that he was responsible for many of them. STEVE DI SALVO has asked him recently if he is interested in buying the business. STEVE said that he will let him have it for the money STEVE has put into it. KLANCNIK has not said yes or no to this offer but did point out that the only truck that the company now has is a new Ford Econoline van, which is in his name inasmuch as they claimed not to be able to get the necessary financing on their own. He said that the two older trucks, one of which had been [redacted], were used as down payment on this new truck. He said that he is not paying the payments on the new truck but that STEVE is. The name of the company is being changed to Checker Cleaners and they have a working arrangement with the other two Checker Cleaner stations in Milwaukee, which are simply pickup stations.

KLANCNIK steadfastly denied any knowledge of illicit activities at Acino and said that he had no information that it was used in connection with gambling operations and has never heard or seen any conversation from any of the principals which even now he can attach significance to in this respect. He said that shortly after he went to work for Acino GUS MARZULLO disappeared from the scene and BUSTER BALESTRERE took over the active operation of the cleaners. Recently

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by SAs ALBERT B. KNICKREHM  
and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN /jb Date dictated 1/8/63

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BUSTER BALESTRERE has disappeared from the scene and MARZULLO again in in charge. There are five employees.

GURERA, although he was around the place frequently, particularly during the past summer, never had anything to do with the running of the place. [redacted] was a [redacted] only and STEVE fired him after the [redacted]

[redacted] worked at the counter in the front and so far as KLANCNIK knows he simply quit and is now employed with [redacted] for a [redacted]

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On November 20, 1962 Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]  
[redacted] said that he felt that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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JAH/lmp

AL REINHARDT, 3551 North Teutonia, furnished the following information January 7, 1963 to SA's ALBERT B. KNICKREHM and JOHN A. HOLTZMAN relative to the Para Corporation:

GUS CHIAVEROTTI, through whom REINHARDT originally became involved in the operation of the Para Corporation, is not spending much time on the premises at the present but is rather out contacting accounts. WALTER BROCCA, on the other hand, who came into the operation only recently, is in charge of manufacturing operations. He hires one, two, or more girls as orders received demand, but much of the time he is alone. CHIAVEROTTI is on a drawing account at the rate of \$150 per week and BROCCA is paid a salary of \$130 per week.

The business is strictly a losing proposition with REINHARDT paying all the bills and handling all funds by check.

He explained that he now holds two-thirds interest in the corporation having purchased the stock of [redacted]. He said that FRANK BALISTRIERI still holds one-third stock interest and that BALISTRIERI has received in the neighborhood of \$22,000 in the business since REINHARDT became connected with it. He does not have any idea as to how BALISTRIERI came into possession of the stock in the first place and the \$22,000 figure is cash investment since the business has been in operation. At the present time BALISTRIERI does not have any apparent interest in the business and at one time last summer told REINHARDT that JOE GURERA was representing him, BALISTRIERI, and would keep an eye on things at Para instead of BALISTRIERI.

REINHARDT does not see GURERA at Para and has not communicated with either him or BALISTRIERI except on a very infrequent basis. He deals with CHIAVEROTTI and BROCCA.

REINHARDT said that the last accounting was in October, 1962 and he is presently having [redacted], go over the books to establish the net worth for the purposes of what he hopes is an early sale of the business. He said it is possible that he may be able to sell it in a week and then it may be a matter of a number of months, but that he is definitely interested, as is BALISTRIERI, in getting rid of it as a losing proposition. They are on a month-to-month lease basis with [redacted].

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Mr. REINHARDT said he had no information that the premises of Para Corporation was being used for any activity other than manufacturing at the present time.

On January 8, 1963 [redacted] was interviewed by the above agents and stated that he has observed that a group of Italian individuals are meeting at Para Corporation rather frequently since Christmas. He does not know them or the purpose of their activity there. He said that he would maintain observation of their automobiles and endeavor to obtain license numbers and to observe the persons so that he could later identify photographs. At the time of the interview there was located on the lot a 1962 white Chevrolet bearing 1962 Illinois license 999349 registered to Cars for Commerce, Inc., Chicago, Illinois. Mr. [redacted] said that this car has been there on a very frequent basis for a number of months and that the individual who operates the automobile is a man in his forties, small, and of Italian appearance. He has been there when the above-mentioned group of Italian individuals were meeting.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] He said that about three weeks ago he had occasion when something went wrong with the elevator to enter [redacted] WALTER BROCCA there back in behind the piles of merchandise. He asked BROCCA what he was doing there and BROCCA said that the elevator was out of order and he had come up to check on it. About a week later [redacted] reported [redacted] that the fire escape door on his floor had been left open, and additionally he had heard from a round-about source that GUS CHIAVEROTTI had mentioned to someone the fact that there was this type of merchandise on the third floor. [redacted] and [redacted] became concerned that it might be hijacked and [redacted] floor.

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On January 8, 1963 Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] said that he intended to seek departmental authority to question [redacted]

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On January 9, 1963 [redacted] [redacted] Radio Communications Company, 1020 East Land Place, Milwaukee, in the absence of [redacted] said that there have been no further inquiries by either QURERA or DE SALVO relative to communications equipment including telephone scrambling equipment which they had previously inquired about. She produced for examination and will maintain for possible future use the invoices on the above equipment which bear no name but described the equipment as follows:

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Motorola receiver model HO3 ANC 1102 B and  
Battery charger, model NLN-6104A.

On the same date [redacted] telephone [redacted] was asked if he could provide for use a unit identical to the above. He recognized it as an item that had been ordered some months ago by Radio Communications Company and said that he had refused to fill the order until he checked with [redacted] and determined from [redacted] that he had advised authorities of the fact that some individuals were trying to buy a receiver tuned to the police frequency.

Mr. [redacted] said that he would endeavor to obtain by special order an identical unit with the Milwaukee police frequency crystal but if this was impossible by the time it was needed, he would still make available for use the unit identical except for the frequency.

On January 9, 1963 it was determined that STEVE DE SALVO and the other individuals arrested with him September 5, 1963 by local authorities on a gambling raid were scheduled for trial in local circuit court before Judge CHRIST SERAPHIM on January 30 at 2 p.m., attorney DOMINIC FRINZI.

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It was also determined that COSMO MARZULLO was scheduled for preliminary hearing in Judge DUFFY's court 2 p.m. January 21, [redacted] and that FRANK STELOW was scheduled for jury trial on a traffic violation in Judge KRUEGER's court February 4, 1963 at 2 p.m., attorney DOMINIC FRINZI.

On January 9, 1963 contact was had with [redacted] Olsen Electronic Company, 423 West Michigan Avenue, Milwaukee on the basis of information received that DE SALVO and GURERA had endeavored to purchase telephone tapping equipment at this company.

Mr. [redacted] said that he has no personal information relative to such an attempted purchase by anyone, and he was not familiar with GURERA or DE SALVO based on an examination of their photographs.

He exhibited an Olsen Electronic Catalog which on page 20 shows various telephone equipment which is capable of making private communication setups and which he said could presumably be used for the purpose of operating telephone taps. He explained, however, that it would be entirely possible to purchase any of this equipment on a cash sale without even furnishing a name and that there were approximately 250 cash sales per day at the Olsen Electronic Company.

Mr. [redacted] was asked whether there had been any requests or purchases of radio receiving equipment tuned to the police frequencies and said that any inquiry for such equipment would be noted [redacted] and he had not received any such requests and therefore did not feel that any such requests or purchases had been made.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.

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On January 6, 1963 it was noted on JOE GURENA's register sheet at the Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification, under their No. 93821, that he gave the address of 2550 North Bartlett as his address at the time he was arrested October 11, 1962.

Other information contained on the register sheet was as follows: his social security number was listed as 500-14-8005 and he showed self-employment at Acino Cleaners. He listed his parents as CARL, deceased, mother ELIZABETH nee MANGARACINA, remarried to RAYMOND OLIVER, address unknown in Kansas City, Missouri; [redacted] address unknown, Kansas City, Missouri; [redacted] divorced, address with mother, Kansas City, Missouri. GURENA showed himself as having [redacted] at Kansas City, [redacted] and having four children, [redacted]

Contact was had January 7, 1963 with [redacted] and he furnished the following information to SAs JOHN A. HOLTZMAN and ALBERT B. KNICKREHN:

He and his wife have been residing at this address since [redacted] shortly after they were married in Milwaukee in that month. He is originally from [redacted] His brother-in-law, [redacted] who is employed at [redacted] has also lived at this address since [redacted] has been unemployed since October, 1962 but previous to that worked for the [redacted] on the [redacted] and subsequent to that in [redacted] His boss at the [redacted] was [redacted] but he has not had any association with [redacted] off of the job. [redacted] tried to get him a job on [redacted] but apparently was unsuccessful and,



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in fact, [ ] is not believed by [ ] to be [ ]  
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[ ] said that the only other people in this building, which is an up and down flat, are the tenants downstairs, [ ] employed at [ ] who resides at [ ] with his mother.

[ ] examined a photograph of JOE GUNERA and said that this individual was unknown to him and he has no idea why [ ]  
[ ]

Date January 21, 1963

ABE ZETLEY, who resides at 2603 East Newport, downstairs, telephone NO 2-0387 said that he is the owner of property at this address and had rented the two upper floors to GURERA in the summer of 1962. He said that he had placed an ad in the newspaper to rent this property and GURERA and another individual who was some relative of GURERA's answered the ad and found out that the rent was \$240 per month but that it could be had for \$210 if the renter would take care of the lawn and snow shovelling. No further contact was had for several days by GURERA but on the day that Mr. ZETLEY and his wife were leaving for a couple of months for a trip to Texas GURERA appeared and stated that he would rent the upper two floors at \$210 per month, would take care of the yard and snow shovelling and would sign a lease upon the return of the ZETLEYS from their trip. He explained that his family and furniture were on the way and he had to have a place right away.

Since that time the apartment has been occupied by GURERA.

GURERA told ZETLEY that he had been in the asphalt paving business in Kansas City and had come to Milwaukee because of better business possibilities for this type of work. ZETLEY said that he is convinced that GURERA is not so engaged because of the hours that he keeps and his appearance. He explained that GURERA leaves home usually around 9 or 10 p.m. and usually returns the middle of the afternoon and then leaves again around 10 p.m. at night and returns anywhere from 2 to 6 a.m. the next day. They have some relatives in Milwaukee and visit back and forth as family with them and in addition they had quite a few relatives in from out of the state during the past summer.

They are very unsatisfactory tenants and on January 7, 1963 Mr. ZETLEY sent them a notice that as of February 25, 1963 their rent would go up to \$240 or they must vacate. He explained that they have not fulfilled their promise to take

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care of the yard or the snow shovelling, that they are frequently late on their rent and give checks with insufficient funds in the bank to cover them. He said that he deals with the same bank and when he gets a rent check he calls the bank to see if the check should be cleared and holds it until there is a deposit made to cover it. He said his rent checks are drawn on the North Shore State Bank by [redacted] but he has noticed she receives mail from two other Milwaukee banks located on the south side. He does not know the names of these banks. Additionally they have failed to appear to sign a lease and to take care of other matters having to do with the rental although Mr. and Mrs. ZETLEY, who are quite ancient and unwilling to have any unpleasantness, call them and say they want to talk but never get any satisfaction or even the courtesy of recontact.

Mr. ZETLEY explained that they have a kitchen, dining room, living room, two bedrooms, and a bath on the second floor which is exactly the same layout as on their floor and additionally they have two bedrooms and a bath on the third floor. He said that he has noticed that they have very beautiful and expensive furniture and, in fact, GUERRA told him that the dining room suite was one of only two of its kind in the United States having been imported from Italy. He also noticed that they have very expensive clothing but both he and his wife have on occasions observed the apartment and noticed that [redacted] takes absolutely no care of the premises and is a very sloppy housekeeper.

Date January 22, 1963

[redacted]  
[redacted] and has been employed many years in  
the [redacted]

[redacted] He furnished the following information relative  
to Subject who is not known to him by name but by sight

[redacted]  
He has noticed a number of times that sizable groups of  
people [redacted] apparently all  
being of Italian origin, and he has noticed that these  
could be family gatherings because of the fact that women  
are in attendance. He said they meet around a large table  
in the sun porch area of the apartment located on the west  
end of the building.

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On January 15, 1963 Kansas City advised that on January 14, 1963 Mrs. [redacted] of the J. Lester Brown Realty Company stated that Subject's residence at 9021 Delmar, Prairie Village, Kansas, had not been sold although the price had been reduced about thirty days ago to the present figure of \$48,500.



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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
January 24, 1963**

Title	<b>JOSEPH FRANK GURERA</b>
Character	<b>ANTI-RACKETEERING</b>
Reference	<b>Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN dated and captioned as above.</b>

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN at Milwaukee dated 1/24/63.  
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To the Bureau: 2 copies of letterhead memorandum characterizing the informants used.

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1. Continue contact with Milwaukee Police Department relative to information obtained by that department from informants and physical surveillance of the Subject and his associates.
2. Maintain contact with Bureau informants and continue supplementing Milwaukee police surveillance by interview of person apparently having knowledge of Subject's activities. b3  
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3. Follow and report results of [REDACTED]
4. Maintain contact with ABE ZETLEY, 2608 East Newport and [REDACTED] relative to persons contacting the Subject at his residence.

INFORMANTS

- MI T-1 is [REDACTED] who obtained his information from an "old time Italian hoodlum." b6  
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- MI T-2 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SAs JOHN H. GASSAWAY and ALBERT B. KNICKREHM.
- MI T-3 is [REDACTED]
- MI T-4 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.
- MI T-5 is PCI [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA JOHN A. HOLTZMAN.
- MI T-6 is [REDACTED] who furnished information to SA JOHN H. GASSAWAY.
- MI T-7 is [REDACTED]



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Date: **February 28, 1963**Office: **MILWAUKEE**Field Office File No.: **MI 92-257**Bureau File No.: **92-4690**Title: **JOSEPH FRANK QURERA**Character: **ANTI-RACKETEERING**

Synopsis: Investigation into disappearance 1/7/63 of Kenosha juke box operator ANTHONY J. BIERNAT subsequently found murdered 1/28/63 confirmed information previously reported that Subject and STEVE DE SALVO attempted to muscle BIERNAT in November, 1962. Informant information indicates likelihood Subject and associates responsible. New "gambling office" open on a limited basis. Jennaro Truck Center possibly used as meeting place for Subject and associates who are still collecting from gamblers. Close contact between Subject and FRANCIS STELLOH continues. [redacted] b3

[redacted] Info set out re Subject's Kansas City background from PD reports.

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**DETAILS:**

Date January 31, 1963

Judge URBAN J. ZIEVERS, Kenosha County Judge, Branch 2, advised that he knew ANTHONY BIERNAT for a period of approximately twenty years, mostly in their social activities at the Kenosha Yacht Club. He said that in the spring of 1961 he and [redacted] made a vacation trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, with [redacted] but that no business was transacted and that they merely enjoyed the steam baths and horse races. Judge ZIEVERS stated that in late September or October he was stopped by ANTHONY BIERNAT on the sidewalk in front of the building which TONY had just bought and which he was renovating. BIERNAT inquired of Judge ZIEVERS as to whether or not anything could be done to find out something about a "JOEY G" and a STEVE SALVANO, two individuals from outside of Kenosha. BIERNAT told Judge ZIEVERS that these two individuals had contacted him with JEFF COVELLI of Kenosha about buying his business or getting an interest in it, and so he would like to find out something about these people. Judge ZIEVERS stated that he told BIERNAT that if the latter desired to know something about these men whom BIERNAT considered to be hoodlums that the Judge could make an appointment with the Resident Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Kenosha and TONY could talk to him. BIERNAT told the Judge that he would make a decision in the near future as to whether or not he wanted to talk to Special Agent WILLIAM J. HIGGINS, Jr., the Kenosha Resident Agent.

Judge ZIEVERS said that a few days later BIERNAT told him that he did not desire to talk to SA HIGGINS as there was actually nothing to the matter as far as he knew at that time. He stated that BIERNAT never discussed again his having been contacted by these individuals.

Judge ZIEVERS stated that he had not seen TONY BIERNAT since the first part of December, 1962, and was not one of the individuals who dropped into Victim's place of business in Kenosha. He said that as far as he knew BIERNAT was a good man, well liked; his habits were good, and he knew nothing concerning any hoodlum connections on the part of BIERNAT. He advised that Victim had a habit of carrying a rather large sum of money in bills in his pocket and paying for drinks, etc., with this money but did not necessarily flash it to any great extent.

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Date January 31, 1963

Mr. CHRIS JULIANI, Attorney-At-Law, 625 - 57th Street, Kenosha, upon interview advised that he has been acquainted with ANTHONY BIERNAT and his entire family for at least twenty years and has handled BIERNAT's legal affairs for the past fifteen years. He has associated with the entire family socially, particularly at the Kenosha Yacht Club. He advised that as far as he knows BIERNAT had not executed a will before his death.

Mr. JULIANI said that approximately two months ago, around the latter part of November, BIERNAT told him, "The hoods are trying to buy me out." He elaborated by saying that "WIESER" COVELLI had brought two hoods into his establishment, one from Kansas City and one from Milwaukee, and that these two individuals talked to him about coming into his business or buying the business out. BIERNAT said that he told them that he couldn't stop them from coming into Kenosha as it was a free country, but he wouldn't sell his business or any part of it to anyone as he had been building it up for 25 years. Mr. JULIANI said that Victim made light of this incident, but after this he wasn't as carefree as he was before, and for the last three weeks before his disappearance he drank rather heavily. He said in connection with the above incident that [ ] recently told him that he was at BIERNAT's place of business one evening when WIESER COVELLI returned to see BIERNAT and made the remark to him, "You can't fight the whole Navy."

In regards to Monday, January 7, 1963, the evening that TONY BIERNAT disappeared, Mr. JULIANI stated that he went to BIERNAT's business place at 5023 - 7th Avenue, Kenosha, around eight PM as was his habit on many evenings, and that TONY BIERNAT was not there at that time. [ ] POKER JOE YUCCA were there. At around 8:50 PM, TONY BIERNAT came in, and around nine PM BIERNAT called [ ] and wanted to know why he hadn't showed up for the bull session. Around 9:20 PM, [ ] and TONY BIERNAT left the place to get coffee and then a newspaper. JULIANI understood that they were going to drive in TONY BIERNAT's Buick to the North Shore Station to get coffee and a paper. CHRIS JULIANI stated that he left the office around

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9:30 PM, and [ ] car was still in front of the office at that time. He figured from this that [ ] and BIERNAT had gone to the North Shore station together but afterwards found out that the two of them had gone to the Coffee Cup for coffee and then came back, got their respective cars and went to the North Shore Depot separately. He said that BIERNAT did not appear worried that last Monday night but was very quiet and had little to say.

In regards to his business affairs, Mr. JULIANI said that he knew very little concerning them except that BIERNAT purchased his jukeboxes from the London Company on West Lisbon Avenue in Milwaukee and most of them were paid for. He probably had an income of around \$12,000 a year. He stated that in July of 1962 BIERNAT purchased the building in which his business is now located inasmuch as the building he was formerly in was being torn down. He paid \$8500 for the property and owes approximately \$6000 to the Kenosha National Bank on this property. He also bought on a Purchase Contract in August of 1962 the barber shop to the north of his business, and with the signing of the contract BIERNAT paid \$2500 down and remaining money was to be paid when the barber retires and moves out of the building, which was to take place in approximately six months. He said that BIERNAT paid for most of his purchases in cash and carried around \$200 to \$300 in his trousers pocket at all times. He had a tendency to flash these bills when paying for some purchase. He said that he considers Victim to be an extremely nice individual, well liked by everyone and a person who had no enemies.

Mr. JULIANI also said that he has heard in the past few weeks that the same two hoodlums from out of town had visited 15 to 20 places where TONY BIERNAT had his jukebox machines and had tried to induce the owners to put in their machines.

Date January 31, 1963

[redacted]  
who also [redacted] at

[redacted], upon interview advised that he has known Victim since [redacted] and has been a very close friend for the past ten years, seeing him at least three or four times a week, usually at BIERNAT's business establishment. He said that in about September or October, 1962, TONY BIERNAT mentioned that "JOEY G" from Kansas City was brought into his establishment by "WIESER" COVELLI, and there was another man with JOEY G. TONY said that these individuals wanted to get a cut or interest in his business, and TONY made the remark, "The mafia wants to move into Kenosha." He said that during the conversation he learned that WIESER COVELLI had bought ten Seeburg jukeboxes and was going into a business handling all types of vending machines. During the conversation, JOEY G told BIERNAT that he was going to contact some of the latter's customers and try to get them away from him.

[redacted] further advised that a few weeks later TONY told him that a follow-up visit was made to him by JOEY G and another man whom he did not identify. He said that he learned that these men contacted Gino's Tavern at 518 - 58th Street and the Mid-Town Tap on 52nd Street and tried to get these individuals to take out BIERNAT's jukeboxes and put in theirs but were unsuccessful in doing this. He said that [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] were the ones contacted. BIERNAT later told [redacted] that these men were unsuccessful in getting any of his accounts except Greco's Restaurant and LaStrada Tavern, which is [redacted]

[redacted] He said that WIESER COVELLI put his machines in those places and that WIESER is a brother-in-law of LOUIS GRECO and an [redacted]

He advised that BIERNAT told him during the first conversation regarding his being contacted by these hoodlums that they would probably [redacted] but that they never did.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] in the factories in Kenosha and has no contacts with taverns or places of that nature.

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He said that for a period during the Christmas holidays TONY BIERNAT was drinking rather heavily, and he mentioned to [redacted] in a joking manner that the latter should [redacted] [redacted] said that although he seemed to be kidding about this he believes that BIERNAT was actually serious concerning it.

In regards to Monday, January 7, 1963, Mr. [redacted] said that he did not see ANTHONY BIERNAT that day and that on that night at 7:20 PM he got in his car and started to drive to the North Shore station to get a newspaper. On his way [redacted]

[redacted] He said that while [redacted] he made a telephone call to the Lakeside Music Company, and JOE YUCCA answered the phone. He asked for TONY but was told that he was not there. He advised that when [redacted] he, [redacted], returned to his home, and this was around eight PM, not going out the rest of the night. He advised that the next morning [redacted] called him around eleven AM and said something had happened to TONY BIERNAT at the North Shore Station, and this was the first he knew of it. He also stated that the vending machine company operated by WIESER COVELLI is known as the "Keno Vending Company."

Mr. [redacted] said as far as he knew BIERNAT had no enemies whatsoever and was very kind-hearted and lent money to many individuals when they needed it. He stated that Victim usually carried around \$200 to \$300 in cash in his trousers pocket but that he understood that BIERNAT always collected on his jukebox route on Mondays and would have a lot of money with him on Monday nights.

He said that in talking to TONY BIERNAT about these hoodlums having contacted him and wanting to "muscle in" on his business, he gathered the impression that TONY had discussed the matter with Chief of Police STANLEY G. HAUKE DAHL, but he did not know this for certain.

Date 2/5/63

TONY BIERNAT for [redacted] years and [redacted] advised he had known [redacted]

[redacted] related that BIERNAT told him some time ago that in November, 1962 he, BIERNAT, had been talked to by three men about his going into partnership with them and expanding. TONY stated he told these men that he was not interested in this, and he did not want to expand. [redacted] advised TONY may have mentioned all of their names, but all he can now recall was that one was "WEASER" COVELLI. He stated he also recalled that one of the men was from Kansas City and one was from Cudahy, Wisconsin. Sometime after BIERNAT mentioned this to [redacted] BIERNAT and [redacted] [redacted] were talking when the story was again repeated. [redacted] told BIERNAT that he should go to the Chief of Police with this information. [redacted] related he did not know if BIERNAT had.

[redacted] related he believes a second contact was made with BIERNAT along this line because some time later [redacted] told him, [redacted] that he had been in BIERNAT's office

[redacted] stated to [redacted] that he overheard the man tell TONY, "You can't beat the Army and Navy." [redacted] advised he cannot recall if [redacted] had told him the name of the man or not. He advised that, if [redacted] had mentioned the name of the man, he has now forgotten it.

[redacted] stated he believes that it was about in December of 1962 when one night he was in BIERNAT's office. SAM IAQUINTA and BIERNAT had been out to dinner and were continuing in the office a conversation that had apparently started when they were eating. The name of [redacted] was mentioned, and [redacted] happened to look out the window and saw [redacted] drive by. He was driving a light colored Ford with Illinois license plates. [redacted] recalled that, in a kidding manner, he mentioned that [redacted] might be tailing [redacted]

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them. He stated he thought nothing of this until BIERNAT had disappeared. When this happened, he recalled the incident to IAQUINTA and asked him about it. IAQUINTA told [ ] to "forget it," explaining that [ ] had at the time been interested in going into the juke box business but had decided against it.

[ ] stated that, following the move of BIERNAT to his new location, BIERNAT always wanted to be sure that the back door was locked. [ ] stated he could not be certain if TONY was afraid of anything or if it was just that his office was in a new location. He also stated that for about two weeks before Christmas, TONY was drinking more than usual. He stated this had been pointed out to him both by his, [ ] wife and by [ ]

He related that he knew of nothing in the personal life of BIERNAT which would lead to his disappearance and murder. He advised he did not know that TONY would visit prostitutes in Milwaukee.

He also advised that the last time he saw BIERNAT was on January 7, 1963 in TONY's office between 12:05 and 12:20 PM. At this time, BIERNAT and [ ] were together.



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[redacted] and former [redacted] advised that he considers himself to be a very close personal friend of TONY BIERNAT. He informed that he first met TONY in about [redacted] when [redacted]. He stated that it was his recollection that TONY BIERNAT was brought to Kenosha from Chicago by [redacted] who was a [redacted]. TONY at this time had been employed in Chicago working as a mechanic on pinball machines. After arriving in Kenosha, TONY worked for [redacted] up until the time that [redacted]. At that time he took over the operations of [redacted]. When [redacted] was not anxious to continue in that field he sold out to TONY.

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[redacted] advised that BIERNAT told him that sometime in about November, 1962, that "JOEY G," DE SALVO and WIESER COVELLI stopped at TONY's place and asked if he wanted to go with him in an organization. TONY told [redacted] that he told them he wanted to stay alone and didn't want to enlarge any. [redacted] continued by stating that BIERNAT did not appear to be nervous or upset over this. He did advise, however, that TONY BIERNAT recently always wanted the back door to his establishment locked, and this indicated to [redacted] that he possibly had become recently frightened.

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[redacted] advised that he is not acquainted with "JOEY G" but knows WIESER COVELLI and a couple of years ago met DE SALVO at the Tuckaway Country Club in Milwaukee.

Following the information that [redacted] received from BIERNAT concerning the contact on the part of COVELLI, "JOEY G" and DE SALVO, [redacted] suggested to TONY that he relate this information to Chief of Police STAN HAUKE DAHL in Kenosha. [redacted] stated that he never asked BIERNAT if he had told Chief HAUKE DAHL about this contact, but the day following BIERNAT's disappearance he, [redacted] talked to Chief HAUKE DAHL and asked him if BIERNAT had confided in him regarding this contact. Chief HAUKE DAHL stated that BIERNAT had not.

He advised that he [redacted]

[redacted]

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Hot Springs. He informed that [redacted] BIERNAT never evidenced any particular interest in any individual, although he was not adverse to the company of female companions. [redacted]

[redacted] BIERNAT had informed that he had met a girl who had something to do with a motel believed to be in Oklahoma.

[redacted] informed that following the contact with BIERNAT by COVELLI, DE SALVO and JOEY G, that COVELLI apparently went into the jukebox business and that two of the spots where BIERNAT had had machines asked BIERNAT to take his machines out. One of these is Greco's and the other is LaStrada's. Both of these are related to COVELLI.

Specifically concerning the day of January 7, 1963, [redacted] recalled that he saw at approximately two PM while in the Koffee Pot Restaurant in Kenosha TONY BIERNAT, [redacted] SAM IAQUINTA. These individuals were riding in IAQUINTA's car. At approximately four PM [redacted] went to TONY's place of business where he saw [redacted] who formerly operated a [redacted]. TONY was present at this time at his establishment. [redacted] stayed for approximately 30 minutes, and at about 4:45 PM he left. When he left TONY was lying on the couch. [redacted] had left before he, [redacted] had.

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On January 25, 1963, Deputy [redacted] Kenosha County Sheriff's Office. said that on the previous day [redacted]

[redacted] furnished him the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is a long-time close personal friend of BIERNAT. He stated that BIERNAT during the past summer of 1962 [redacted] a motor trip to Evansville, Indiana, where BIERNAT had some interest in a plastics business which apparently few people were aware of and until this particular trip [redacted] himself never knew of.

[redacted] also said that the only female interest that he was aware of in respect to BIERNAT was some time ago when he dated or associated with a divorcee then named [redacted]

[redacted] who years ago was tied up in the rackets in Kenosha. [redacted] was a "chaser" at the time but has since married [redacted] who is presently a salesman for the [redacted] in Kenosha.

[redacted] stated he knew of no women that BIERNAT was fooling around with in the past year.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted]

[redacted] He advised he met TONY BIERNAT in about [redacted]

[redacted] He became acquainted with BIERNAT in that he [redacted]

[redacted] He stated he believed that BIERNAT operated his business as a single proprietorship, and he was not incorporated or in partnership with anyone. He stated he is not and never has been employed by BIERNAT on a regular basis; however, he has [redacted] and also [redacted]

[redacted] He stated that for these services he would receive "a buck or two."

[redacted] stated that TONY BIERNAT married his wife, IRENE, in Chicago in 1942. BIERNAT is a member of the Elk's Lodge in Kenosha, was a Commodore in the Kenosha Yacht Club and a member of the Music Operators of America. He advised that BIERNAT had no insurance, to his knowledge, except a group policy with the Music Operators of America. To his knowledge, BIERNAT bought his juke boxes from [redacted] and believed that BIERNAT owns these machines outright except for the purchase of new machines which he might buy on a four or five month contract. He advised that the machines cost about \$1,400 when new. The model generally purchased was Seeburg.

[redacted] Concerning close personal friends of BIERNAT, [redacted] stated he believed they were as follows, including himself:

Kenosha County Judge ZIEVERS  
SAM IAQUINTA, Kenosha  
CHRIS JULIANI, attorney, Kenosha

[redacted]

[redacted] Concerning employees and ex-employees of BIERNAT, [redacted] listed the following:

[redacted] employed about ten years ago, now [redacted]

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JOE YUCAS, about 70 years old, employed about 20 years as clean-up man and telephone answerer;

[redacted]  
and who operates pinball machines of his own;

SAM IAQUINTA, part-time employee for 7 or 8 years, employed as repairman and collector of route who also operates machines of his own;

[redacted], who also operates pinball machines of his own.

[redacted] advised he believed that TONY generally carried from \$150 to \$200 on his person. He carried this money folded in his pants pocket. He advised he had also heard from [redacted] employee of Hollebs, Kenosha, that someone had approached BIERNAT recently for a \$400 loan but he had refused.

[redacted] also stated he recalled BIERNAT had gone to Hot Springs, Arkansas generally in the spring for short vacations. On one of these occasions, BIERNAT had gone with [redacted] to Hot Springs. He advised BIERNAT had told him that on one of these trips he had become friendly with a female, name unknown but who operated a motel in Lawton, Oklahoma. He related BIERNAT had never indicated any marital trouble with his wife. He stated BIERNAT told him that he had also visited prostitutes while in Milwaukee but he had not mentioned the names of these prostitutes or the places visited.

[redacted] advised BIERNAT had told him he had been visited by BILL COVELLI of Kenosha, a "JOEY G." of Kansas City and a (first name unknown but possibly FRANK) DE SALVO of Milwaukee in about the last part of November or the first part of December, 1962. The contact had been made in his company office in Kenosha. COVELLI, "JOEY G." and DE SALVO, according to the information given [redacted] by BIERNAT,

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asked BERNAT if he wanted to get rid of a piece of his business. BERNAT stated he told them that he did not. BERNAT also stated that they asked him if he wanted to enlarge his operations, and BERNAT told them he did not.

[ ] stated that, to the best of his knowledge, the following are juke box or pinball operators operating in the Kenosha area. He pointed out that this is not a complete list but from his recollection only.

[ ]  
(First name unknown) [ ]  
TONY AMBROSE (deceased and [ ] now  
operating route)

[ ]  
(First name unknown) [ ]  
WILLIAM COVELLI  
SAM IAQUINTA (largest operator)

[ ]  
National company, name unknown, to whom  
[ ] sold out.

[ ] believed there was some understanding between the above operators not to infringe on each other's territory.

[ ] stated that, to the best of his recollection, he had [ ]

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[redacted] informed that he was re-contacting agent in order to supply the name of the individual who was in BIERNAT's office on the evening of [redacted] 1963 and whose name he could not recall earlier. He stated he learned from YUCAS that the first name of this individual was [redacted] and that this person lived in a rooming house on [redacted]. He also advised that his own license number was [redacted].

He also stated that on the evening of January 29, 1963 he had been talking to CHRIS JULIANI and JULIANI told him that TONY BIERNAT told him that some time ago, date not given but believed to be after the initial contact on the part of WIESER COVELLI with BIERNAT concerning the possibility that BIERNAT might want to sell out, that COVELLI again contacted BIERNAT at his place of business. [redacted] stated that JULIANI told him that BIERNAT advised that [redacted] was also present and was faking that he was asleep with a newspaper over his face. COVELLI stated to BIERNAT, "You can't fight the Navy."

Concerning his own background, [redacted] stated he worked for a time during 1948 or 1949 in a [redacted] and located across from the [redacted] in Kenosha. He advised that [redacted] was also employed in this place, partially as doorman and as the person who would act as "steerer."

He stated that at [redacted] dice game in Kenosha, which would be held on week-ends, he recalls that he attended one of these games about a year ago. He related that, as nearly as he can recall, a [redacted] from Kenosha, a [redacted] (phonetic) from Kenosha and [redacted] were working there.

[redacted] also stated he had given thought to friends of TONY BIERNAT, and there are three more good friends described as follows:

[redacted] Kenosha, who is employed at [redacted]. This individual was told by BIERNAT of approach on part of COVELLI to sell out.

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LEO RIORDAN, retired, owned Dutch Maid Ice Cream, who is now in Florida but is expected to return for funeral of BIERNAT.

[REDACTED]  
exact whereabouts unknown.



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[redacted], [redacted] advised that on the preceding day, January 30, 1963, he had been told by [redacted] who is a very close friend of BIERNAT's, that [redacted] had driven by BIERNAT's place of business on the night before BIERNAT disappeared. He informed he had no personal knowledge of this but had been told this by [redacted]

[redacted] stated that, should there be any question regarding the information he had supplied on this occasion and on previous occasions, he was desirous, in fact, anxious, to have a lie detector test. On this date, he executed a "Consent to Interview with Polygraph" form, which is being retained in case file.

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MI T-1 on January 18, 1963, reported a conversation which took place at the Cricket Club, 224 West Michigan, on about January 14, 1963. This conversation was between a MANIACI, which the informant believes was AUGIE MANIACI (former owner of the Cricket Club), a person described as "our friend," which is a designation used by the informant for STEVE DE SALVO and "an Italian hoodlum from out of town," which informant said could be JOE GUERRA. The conversing parties stated that

[redacted] a [redacted] (phonetic),  
a [redacted] and a [redacted] who

are "the three boys who know what it is all about (speaking of the disappearance of ANTHONY BIERMAT)."

The informant said it does not follow from what was overheard that these three individuals did the job but one of them; namely, [redacted] was in on it.

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On January 22, 1963, informant said that on [redacted] 1963, he had obtained information that [redacted]

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[redacted] was on the scene and one of the four individuals involved in the kidnapping, and [redacted] who recently came to Milwaukee from New York City, was supposed to have a hand in the job. Informant said that [redacted] is FRANK BALISTRERI's man in Kenosha, and he and a person by the name of [redacted] are partners in a [redacted] and, in addition, [redacted] at Greco's Restaurant in Kenosha.

Informant said [redacted] BIERNAT's death [redacted]  
[redacted]

Informant also said that [redacted] is a cousin to [redacted] and hangs out at [redacted] Milwaukee, and that FRANK BALISTRERI and his associates have been using this place as a meeting place.

The informant said that [redacted]  
[redacted] AUGIE MANIACI and that MANIACI or [redacted] and GUS CHIAVEROTTI [redacted]

On January 28, 1963, informant stated that [redacted] was [redacted] murder of BIERNAT [redacted]  
[redacted]

Informant also stated that Milwaukee hoodlums in the past few days have received information that [redacted]  
[redacted] The informant mentioned two names that had been mentioned to him without knowing the exact significance, only that they were somehow connected with BIERNAT's disappearance. These two names are [redacted] (phonetic), and [redacted] or [redacted] (phonetic), whose nickname is [redacted] and who is a close friend of [redacted]

In addition, informant said that a law enforcement agency investigating this matter in Kenosha has been showing mug shots to witnesses, and among these pictures is a picture of at [redacted] Further, informant [redacted]

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said that on January 28, 1963, some of the Milwaukee hoodlums were quite worried after they heard that some law enforcement officers were having a conference with DOMINIC FRINZI and STEVE DE SALVO, worrying that some sort of a deal might be in the making. AUGIE MANIACI is particularly worried.

Informant mentioned that on January 26, 1963, a big crap game was had at Kenosha at [redacted] place and that [redacted] Kenosha Police Department was present and that [redacted] of [redacted]

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The "Milwaukee Sentinel" of January 31, 1963 carried a story under the byline of JAMES G. WIEGHART who attributed his information to "confidential sources who picked up the information from Milwaukee underworld figures." On orders from Chicago crime syndicate Milwaukee hoodlums (unnamed) last November visited BIERNAT and told him they wanted a partnership in the business which he refused although warned that he had no choice in the matter. The "contract" for his murder was arranged through the Milwaukee Underworld. With that in mind, three Milwaukee killers were hired, a burial spot selected and the grave prepared, possibly as early as December.

The hoodlums obtained two bags of lime and two bags of mortar with the intention of sealing off the fruit cellar with cinder blocks to hide this room from the rest of the basement.

It was necessary to obtain a "finger man" and the mob impressed the services of a Racine gambler (unnamed in article) who had good mob credentials and knew BIERNAT by sight.

The article then went on to detail the abduction and the fact that one of the killers was injured by BIERNAT's struggle causing them to lose their tempers and pummel him into unconsciousness and ultimately kill him by beating instead of the shooting that had been planned. The article states that because of the upset in their plans caused by BIERNAT's struggle they were afraid had attracted attention they abandoned plans to seal up the room.

The article then detailed the getaway and clean up ditching of the car.

The "Chicago Daily Tribune" of February 1, 1963 carried a similar type article in which the two male "gangsters" who put the pressure on BIERNAT were named as JOSEPH (LITTLE JOE) GURERA and STEVE DE SALVO, henchman of the Milwaukee gang chief, FRANK BALLISTRERI.

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MI T-2 advised on February 8, 1963 that GURERA disappeared from Milwaukee about January 30, 1963 and did not reappear until February 4, 1963. Also that BUSTER BALESTRERE seems to be in hiding as he has not been seen downtown. This information was confirmed by [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department Surveillance Squad, who stated that from the surveillance reports of his men it was apparent that both Subject and BUSTER were out of town and that BUSTER's car had been gone since around Christmas time.

On February 1, 1963 MI T-2 said that WILLIAM COVELLI of Kenosha and [redacted] who run gambling game at Kenosha have been coming to Milwaukee almost every Tuesday to see DE SALVO or GURERA and that on [redacted] the night that the [redacted] the two of them accompanied by one [redacted]

[redacted]

MI T-3 on January 18, 1963 and again on January 25, 1963 advised that "the office" was operating its book with [redacted] obtaining the line daily and [redacted] taking care of the phone. They are operating on a very limited scale only with their most trusted customers.

FRANK STELLOH, who is closely associating with DE SALVO and who is apparently operating as a muscle man for DE SALVO and GURERA, is scheduled to work at "the office" and help operate it.

Informant said that Subject, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRERE now have seven new cleaning places throughout Milwaukee called Checker Cleaners with MARZULLO supervising all of them and with the former Acino Cleaners, 1012 South First being the main plant.

This informant related that on the night of January 9, 1963 a meeting at Fazio's on Fifth was attended by the Subject, FRANK BALESTRIERI, DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRERE, STELLOH, FRANK SANSONE and some of the "other big boys" from Milwaukee. [redacted] according to the informant, GURERA,

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DE SALVO, BUSTER BALESTRENE and FRANK BALISTRERI had a meeting at the [REDACTED]

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Informant also stated he was not able to advise what either of these meetings pertained to.

MI T-4 stated on February 5, 1963 that he had heard that DE SALVO and GURERA were planning to buy into the Picadilly Tavern in Waukesha where the current owner, [REDACTED] is supposedly "on the rocks" financially.

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On February 5, 1962 [REDACTED] Waukesha County, stated that STELLOH had been frequenting the Town and Country Tavern, Highway 15 and County Trunk FF, Waukesha County where [REDACTED] Surveillance by the Waukesha County Sheriff's Office disclosed that on the night of January 24, 1963 STELLOH was in the tavern in company with the Subject and DE SALVO and they seemed to be having some sort of meeting by themselves. The Sheriff also said that on Sunday afternoon, February 3, 1963 STELLOH and DE SALVO were there with a third man unknown.

MI T-5 stated that on [REDACTED] 1963 the Subject, BUSTER BALESTRENE and FRANK STELLOH were in Gallagher's at one time or another during the day but STEVE DE SALVO did not show that day. Additionally FRANK BALISTRERI had a long conversation with [REDACTED] that evening.

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MI T-5 on January 23, 1963 said that GURERA had apparently been out of town for the week preceding January 21, at least he had not been around Gallagher's as was his custom and with his return on January 21, 1963 the atmosphere at Gallagher's became relaxed whereas everybody had been edgy the week before.

With regard to the "collection activities" of the Subject and his associates, MI T-2 informed on February 18, 1963 that DE SALVO and the Subject had advised [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that because BUSTER BALESTRENE had been busy for the past two weeks he had not been around to collect but "they had not forgotten them" and BUSTER would be around in a few days. Informant said that GURERA and

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DE SALVO were still collecting weekly from the gamblers and tavern owners but so far as informant knew had not contacted any new ones.

MI T-6 advised on February 18, 1963 that BUSTER BALESTRENE had in his possession in October of 1962 a hand telephone set equipped with alligator clips, a testing outfit, and a portable tape recorder which he, DE SALVO and GURERA had acquired for use in tapping telephones.

On February 15, 1963 reporting agent examined the cash sale slips of Olson Electronic Company, 423 West Michigan, for the period September 20, 1962 through October 10, 1962 which slips failed to reflect any items of this nature which could be attributed to purchases by GURERA, DE SALVO and BUSTER BALESTRENE.

On February 25, 1963 AUSA [redacted] said that he still plans to call [redacted]

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On February 25, 1963 Mr. ABE ZETLEY, 2608 East Newport, said that GURERA had agreed to pay the additional rent for the apartment which he occupies and indicated that he would stay until at least June, 1963 because of difficulty in finding other quarters and changing schools for his children. ZETLEY said that GURERA's rent will be \$240 per month instead of \$210 which lesser figure was to be granted for a tenant who would take care of the lawn and the snow removal in the winter time which GURERA had promised to do but failed to fulfill this promise resulting in notification that effective February 25, 1963 he would have to pay \$240 per month or vacate.

[redacted] Milwaukee PD, states on the night of February 8, 1963 men from his department were surveilling subject at his residence when all of a sudden several individuals rushed out of Subject's home and flash bulbs started going off. States Subject hired professional

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photographer by name of [redacted] who was formerly a photographer for Milwaukee Sentinel. [redacted] states also present at the time besides the Subject were STEVE DE SALVO, [redacted] and DOMINIC FRINZI, a hoodlum attorney. [redacted] states this apparently an act by hoodlum element to curtail Milwaukee PD efforts to surveil subject and may be used in event subject attempts to file a complaint against the Milwaukee PD for harassment.

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[redacted] states GURERA during past week apparently staying close to home. Advises Federal Internal Revenue Service padlocked checker cleaners February 20, 1963 for their failure to pay withholding tax. States tax paid today and Checker Cleaners reopened.

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On January 15, 1963 [redacted] checked the records of TWA for November 20, 1962 to Kansas City and November 21, 1962 return and likewise examined the flight tickets for Braniff Airways for the same dates without discovering any information which could be identified with the Subject and his trip to Kansas City on November 20, 1962.

Referral/Consult

MI T-7 furnished the following information on January 24, 1963 based on the records of [redacted]

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

[redacted] Milwaukee Police Department, made available a report of the Milwaukee Police Department

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November 21, 1962 by [redacted] based on his examination of Kansas City Police Department records and other investigation in Kansas City relative to the Subject.

The Kansas City criminal element is controlled by a combination of Mafia men allied with a national crime syndicate. This is attested to by the fact that several Jews are rated highly in directing criminal activities in the greater Kansas City area. It is the belief of all parties we contacted, both in Kansas City and later in St. Louis, that the Mafia was forced into this alliance because of their requisite of strict Italian ancestry and marriage for membership. This requisite is decreasing the number of members to a degree where the crime syndicate would force them out of business. The alliance was, therefore, formed, and the Mafia controls its own members in this alliance or syndicate.

As of March 13, 1961 the setup of the Mafia in Kansas City was as follows: JOHN B. BLANDO - top man in both the Mafia and the syndicate, with NICHOLAS CIVELLA as the enforcer and with the Subject in what is called the outer circle of men as contrasted to the inner circle or top men.

As of March 24, 1961, GURERA operated the A & N Laundromat, Inc. at 1300 Bush Creek Blvd. in Kansas City. There are no records of this business in Kansas City and it is not known if he still has an interest in this place, but it is doubtful. GURERA's closest friend is [redacted] GURERA, through this documented evidence, is known to have attempted to muscle in for 30 per cent on the Jewel Box and Playboy Taverns, both known as hangouts for homosexuals. The owners of both places sold out because of GURERA's threats.

On January 20, 1960, an arson charge against JOSEPH GURERA was dismissed when the complaining witness disappeared. This witness has not been seen since. There is no doubt in the minds of Kansas City Police that GURERA is a torch man.

On November 5, 1955 one of the independent investigators for the Crime Commission watched GURERA running a crap table in a gambling house known as the Downtown Bridge Club in Kansas City. In a muscle-in operation, JOSEPH

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GURERA works alone and will pick up the operator of the establishment he wants to muscle in on and drive him to some deserted spot and then put a revolver against his head and threaten him and his family with bodily harm or death and a torch job or a bombing of his establishment. This was attested to [redacted]

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GURERA, who was born in Kansas City and lived there steadily until April of 1962, was closely associated with two of his uncles TONY and JOHN MANGIARACINA in shakedowns, running gambling and disorderly houses and generally considered minor Mafia men by the Kansas City police. In the past several years they lost popularity with the syndicate and slowly were frozen out of their activities with TONY at present doing nothing and JOHN being permitted to run Giovanni's Steak House, 1921 Main Street. The Subject, according to a Detective of the Kansas City Police Department "who is an expert on the Italian situation" there stated that it was his "educated guess" GURERA was ordered out of the state of Missouri upon orders from NICHOLAS CIVIELLA. This Detective said that he did not believe GURERA received any help from Kansas City syndicate members in trying to organize rackets in Milwaukee but that his reputation as a tough hoodlum from Kansas City would enable him to control some of the Milwaukee Italians to the extent that he could become powerful through shakedowns and threats of property damage or physical injury.

The following additional information was reported by [redacted]

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Sometime in 1959 GURERA and [redacted] who operated an asphalt business, decided to go out of business and offered their equipment to a legitimate contractor [redacted] who refused to buy it. For a period of about three months, machinery was damaged by dynamite blasts on three different occasions, the last one being December 1, 1959, at which time he bought the machinery from GURERA and [redacted] He refused to talk to the police regarding the incidents and made no official complaints.

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